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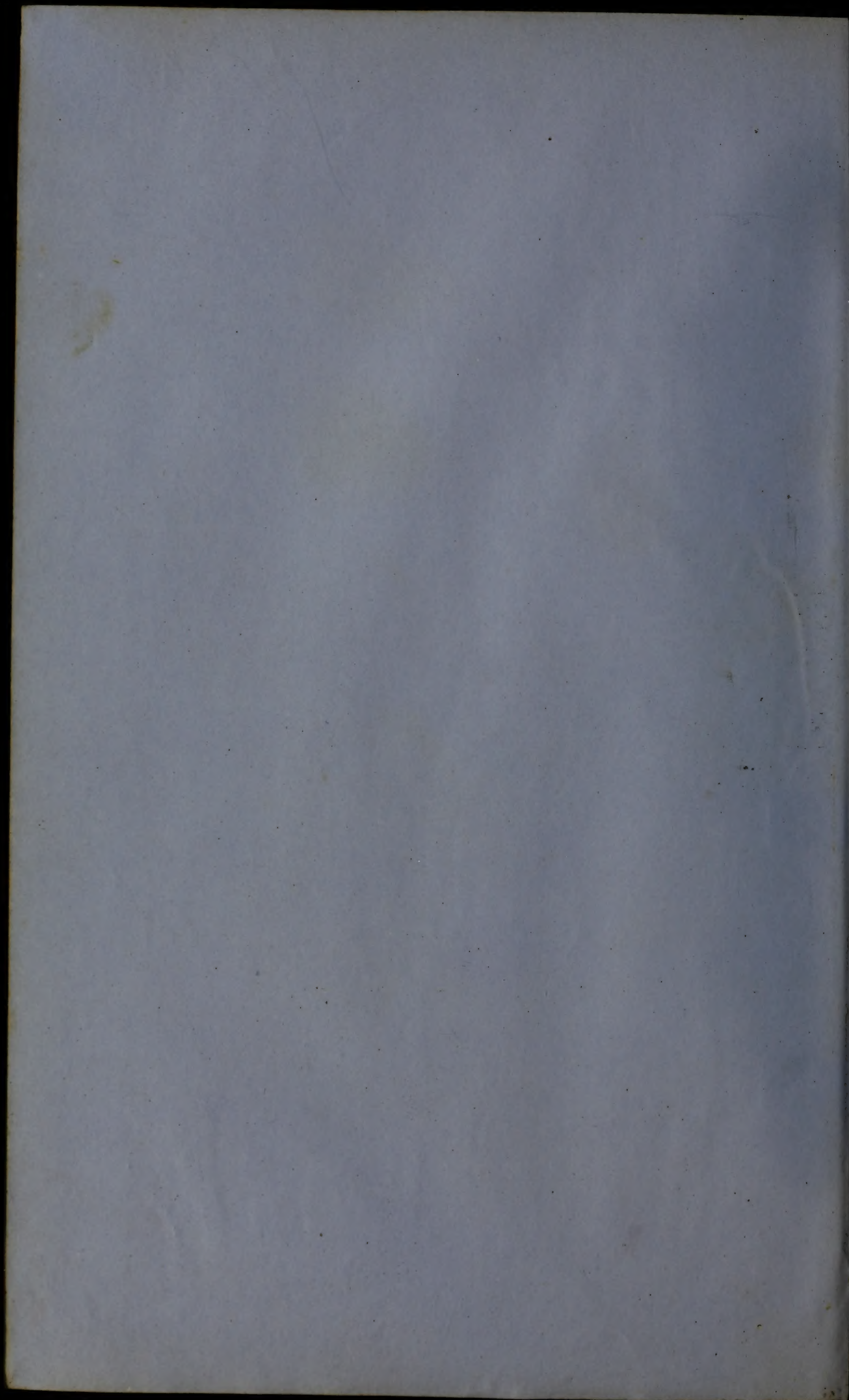
Old Dartmouth



Historical Society

Off you should ever go through Schenectady
 or that part that contains the county of
 Oneida enough. Town of Macomb enquire
 for Mrs Cornelia Stevell and if she is dead as
 she probably is enquire for my brother Allen Stevell
 and if he is gone to York state I shall have two
 sisters living there still if they are alive
 to find them enquire for Aaron Chaplin or any
 of the name of Chaplin or ask for Mr Haghurst

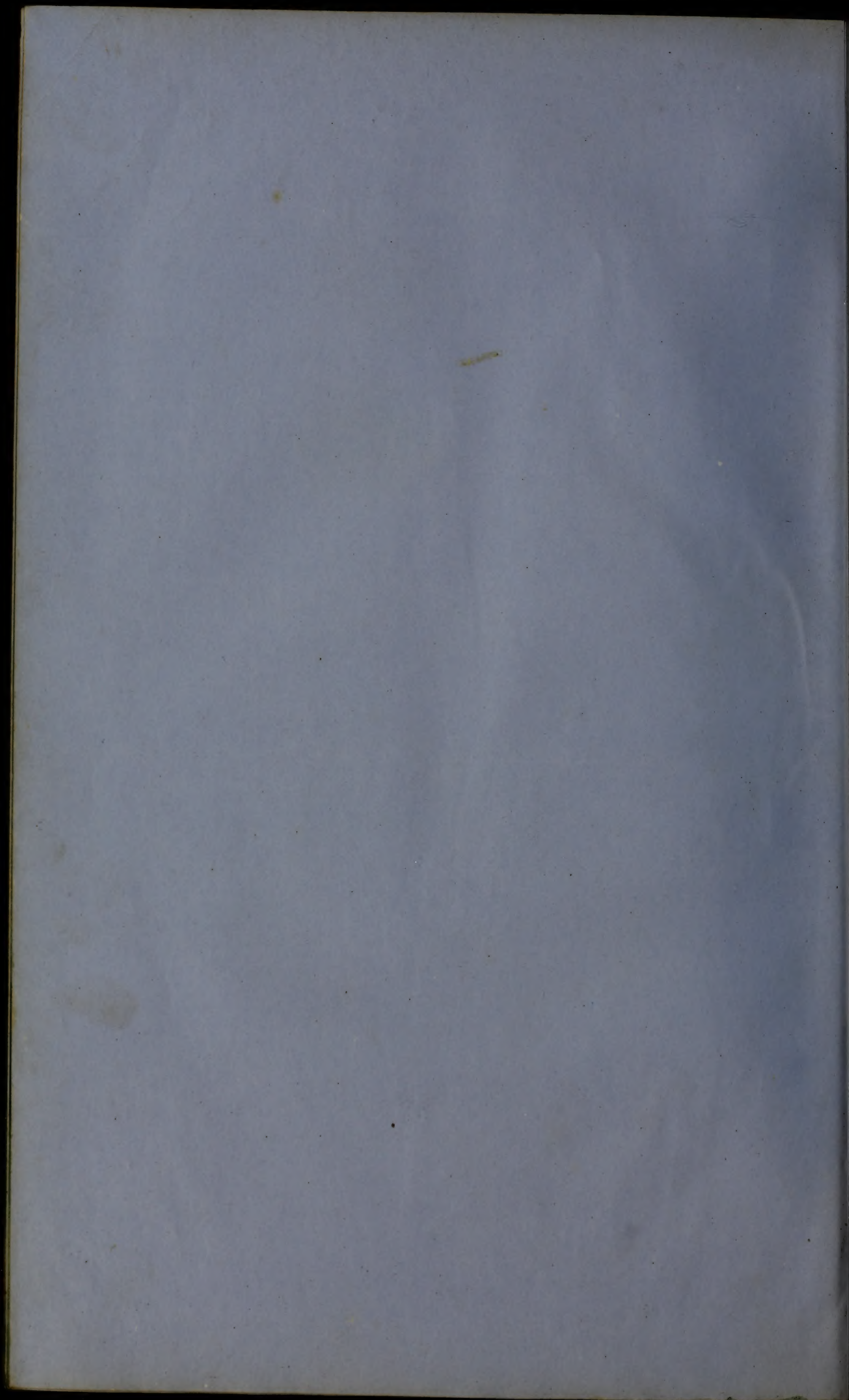
you will if you have good luck know
 how I got along and what becomes of me
 and should you see any of my friends
 tell them



Journal of the voyage of the Ship

Elisa H. Mason commencing Dec. 1st

1853



Journal Ship Eliza F. Mason Capt. Fernegan

December 1853.

Dec 2nd

Sailed from Bedford this day on board the Ship
Eliza F. Mason bound on a whaling voyage to the Arctic Sea.
Our crew consists of 34 men and boys all told.

Company of the Eliza F. Mason.

Nathaniel M. Fernegan of Marthas Vineyard Maps. Master.
Cyrus Mather of Marthas Vineyard chief mate } Boatsteerers.
John N. Pease of do " second do. { R. C. Dexter Marthas Vin.
Edwin Bently of Ogdensburg N.Y. third do. { J. Robinson do "
Benj. Peats of Fall River Maps. fourth do. { Dan. Washburn N.Y.
Benj. E. Vincent of Marthas Vin. Cooper. { C. H. Perkins Dublin N.Y.

Dec 6th

The weather has been rather rough, especially for the green hands who
compose two thirds of our crew. Nearly all of them have been sick
and some are sick yet. To day we sighted a B. W. I. ship
and left her under drifting bottom up. Some of her spars and sails
were still hanging to the wreck. We saw no signs of any persons
on board. We also commenced fixing our whaling implements to day.

Dec 12th

The weather has been variable the last 3 days producing 8 days and

Dec 13th

To day saw the first whale spout. Sea still quite rough.

Dec 16th

Fair sky with a good wind. To day saw 3 whales. One passed
close enough to us, to distinguish the sailors on board. They waved
their hats to us we returned the compliment and were a little
worldly infuriated. One of the boys saw a French ship was in
Morse's Bay and came. One of the boys saw a

Dec 15th

Journal Wm. Clark, Plover

Continued from last page

Weather fair & fine to day. We are sailing South East by East with a fine wind and very warm weather in latitude 30° 59' S North of the line.

Dec 17th

The weather still continues fair. Yesterday and I sailed for day spent getting our rows and the implements of carpentry ready that are for our employment when we get to the shore.

Dec 18th

Weather fair and very warm. Today we lowered the boats to exercise the new hands. A number of specimens of corals they made but I suppose they considered they done remarkably well. "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

Dec 19th

Weather still fair.

Dec 20th

One of the crew taken sick to day with the squint and confined to his berth. Thomas Reed is his name.

Dec 21st

We have found both East & West. This afternoon raised the Cape Verde Islands from the west head right ahead of us.

Dec 22nd

Weather fair and light wind. At 10 o'clock A.M. I raised the band of 1000 yds of the pump at anchor was about 1/2 the landing. went out and on sailing for morning.

Dec 23rd

A fair breeze and light wind with the ship starting for shore. At 8 o'clock the Kono-mo-bat boat came alongside with the gun of board. We then were supplied with provisions and covered 2 boats with the 1st of them 2nd boat and the boat crews went on shore to trade. They got 3rd boys 1st boy & 2 young kids one of them a member of Turkeys. Cucumbers, Bitter melons, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Eggs, etc. just ducks, and about 100 lbs of rice. They will go for Cape Horn.

Journal of Dr. Charles Perkins January 1854

Dec 25th

Christmas. May it be a merry happy Christmas at home and among the white hills of N.H.
Clear weather, and light wind. The morning of the 25th was eating a fine Christmas fare and in reading saw one sail and one fire back to day.

Dec 26

Clear weather, light wind. To day saw a school of Black Fish. We lowered 4 boats for them but did not get any. Got out a set of studing sails and bent them on. Last night two men got splashing. One of the two had been fighting before. The Capt gave him a flogging 14 lashes on the back. James Kern was the one that got the flogging, the other had his wrist stopped below for 2 weeks.

27th & 28th

Clear weather, and light wind.

29th

Fog commenced with calm and cloudy weather. Suddenly the changed to a heavy squall of wind and rain. We took in the topsail. We saw 1 sail all day.

30th

Weather cloudy, wind light. Saw 1 sail on our starboard beam. From 12 o'clock until 2 had a heavy squall of wind and rain. Just at night some porpoises.

31st

Fog, Drizzle and Fair. To day saw 4 Sails all bound to the N.

January 1st 1854

Jan 1st

A happy New Year to all. A fine southerly breeze to day in ship heading N. S.W. Saw one sail and took the S.E. Trades in Latitude $1^{\circ} 15'$ N of the Equator.

Jan 2nd

A strong breeze to day. The ship is steering close by the wind reading N.W. going to ^{note} for hour to day sighted the wire and are now in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Journal for January 1854

January 4th Yesterday and to day the wind has been strong from S.E. Saw one sail to day. Our course was from N. to S.W.

Jan 5th Wind S.E. yesterday. We are sailing close by the wind. Saw one Brig and one steamer. Land in sight all day 20 miles off our lee beam.

Jan 6th Good breeze, fair standing close by the wind.
Jan 7th Good breeze again from the S.E. today standing close by the wind

Jan 8th Good breeze today standing close by the wind. To day we saw 3 sails. One on our weather quarter one on our weather bow and one on the beam. The last one was a whaler and was boiling. She was a brig.

Jan 9th Light wind and fine weather. Saw one sail to day Joseph Thuring one of the crew caught a fine Dolphin to day weighing about 20 lbs. He made a fine supper.

Jan 10th Very light wind and very warm to day.

Jan 11th Comes with a strong wind and ahead To day saw a sail. (The bark Sea Breeze) She left New Bedford about the same time that we did. We raised her 3 points on our lee bow in the forenoon at night we had sailed almost out of sight of her. She moves along at the rate of 10 knots per hour.

Jan 12th Strong head wind. Saw one sail to day.

Jan 13th Good weather and light wind. Saw one sail on our lee bow heading nearly for us. At night she crossed us about 20 miles on our weather beam.

Jan 14th Good breeze and fair wind. Saw one sail to day.

Jan 15th Still standing before the wind. Saw one sail to day discovered that we was out of oil.

1871

The first of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry. They were very poor, and they were very hungry. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

The second of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

The third of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry. They were very poor, and they were very hungry. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

The fourth of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

The fifth of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry. They were very poor, and they were very hungry. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

The sixth of the year was a very cold one, and the snow lay on the ground for several days. The weather was very disagreeable, and the people were much distressed. The snow was very deep, and the roads were very bad. The people were very poor, and they had no money to buy food. They were very hungry, and they were very cold. They were very sad, and they were very angry. They were very poor, and they were very hungry. They were very sad, and they were very angry.

1891

Jan 1st ...

Feb 1st ...

Mar 1st ...

Apr 1st ...

May 1st ...

June 1st ...

18th Nov 1881
Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 14th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.
The weather here is very cold and foggy.
I have been out for a walk today and
saw some of the old places. I hope to
write you more fully when I have more news.
I am your affectionate son
John

20th Nov 1881
Dear Mother
I have just received your letter of the 18th
and was glad to hear from you. I am well
and hope these few lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.
The weather here is very cold and foggy.
I have been out for a walk today and
saw some of the old places. I hope to
write you more fully when I have more news.
I am your affectionate son
John

4/11/21 11:54

Sunday, Dec. 10. To Smith's valley. See
page 10. Arrived from the S. E. corner
N. 76. to N. Lat 2 N. Jan 1877

1854

April

10th

Journal Continued April

Weather is uncomfortably warm
 occupied in getting our coats
 ready for the season on the Arctic.
 Lat 5 N

April 11th

Sunday. Weather is growing squally
 or rather we are getting in the habit
 for squally weather commenced raining
 about 12 M. and continued all night Wind
 from the N.E. because N.N.W. Mr Pease
 Our second mate has acquired the habit of
 sleeping in his watch upon deck. There has
 in fact been but a very slight watches since
 we left home that he has not indulged
 more or less. The Capt surprised him at last
 but it being the first time and probably
 having no suspicion to what an alarming
 extent he indulged himself he let it
 pass without saying much. A few nights afterward
 he found him asleep again and reprimanded
 him severely for his conduct and warned
 him that if it was repeated he should suspend him
 from duty. This morning about four o'clock he rang
 the bell for him but he was in a sound sleep
 not answering the call the Capt came and
 looked at him and made noise enough to
 awaken him if he had been easy to awaken but
 it did not disturb him he (the Capt) then cut
 below and called the first mate and the first
 came on deck; the Capt then took a bucket of water
 and threw upon him and over his head to
 below which is equivalent to suspension from
 duty. The Capt gave him a severe reprimand
 and allowed him to return to duty.

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Journal Continued. April, 1854.

April 13th

- " Thursday. Fine day with a stiff breeze from the S. E.
- " 11 o'clock A.M. raised a school of sperm whales but they
- " soon got frightened and started off to windward we
- " beat to windward with the ship but could not
- " overtake them Lat. 10 N. Long. 133 W.

April 23rd

- " Sunday. Fine day with a fair wind It is six
- " weeks now since we left Valparaiso and we have
- " had a fair wind all the time Lat. 21 N.

April

- 25th " Tuesday. Fine day with a light breeze from the
- " S. E. S. E. Bent a new jib, fore sail Maintop sail
- " and mainsail Lat. about 25 N. Long. 175 nearly

- Apr 26th " Wednesday. Fine day but calm. Employed in arriving
- " ships duty Lat. 25 N. Long. 177 W.

Apr 28th

- " Friday. We experienced a sudden change
- " in the weather last night. It is several
- " degrees cooler today with a stiff breeze from
- " the S. W. and occasional squalls of rain.
- " Course N. N. W. Lat 28 N. Long. 180 meridian

April 29th

- " Sat. Weather similar to yesterday's. Shifted in.
- " on the gallant sail and sent it down and bent an-
- " other in its place Course West-Northwest
- " Lat. 29-12. Long. 178-6 E.

Apr 30th

- " Sun. Weather is much cooler than it was
- " a few days ago. We have got a reading breeze.
- " Saw some fin-backs. We are on the Japanese ground
- " now Lat 32 N. Long. 176 E.

May. 1854.

May 1st Monday. Stiff breeze from the E. & E. Weather

is quite cool Lat 34 N.

May 2nd Tues. Rain all day. The shifted about 12 M.

" to the S. E. and blew a gale. The vessel topsails
set for the first time since leaving port.

May 3rd Wed.

Weather is quite muggy but

moderated towards night Lat 37 48.

May 5th Friday.

Fair wind from the S. E. & W. The drawing

towards cold weather fast The wind increased

to a gale this morning and a little before

3 A.M. it carried away the foremast ~~attacking~~

sail and shifted to the N.W. and we had to

haul our fore and mizen topsails.

May 7th Sunday.

Wind from the S. E. & W. again but the

weather is thick and foggy most of the day

with some rain. We are now over 8 weeks from

Valparaiso and have not seen a ship since we

left. Lat about 43-30. Long. 171. E.

May 9th Tues.

Blowing a gale of wind from the N.W.

Weather is very cold with some snow.

Lat 51 N.

May 11th Thursday.

Fair wind but very high. Snowed all

day. Saw one of the big islands there seen

no whales or birds yet Lat 53-56.

Long. 181. E. or N.

May 11th Thurs.

Generally all day with snow. Wind

from the N. Lat. 55-58. 62 days now since

we have seen a ship or any indication of

there being a human being in the world.

Lat 58 N. Long. 181. E.

May 12th Friday.

Squally all day but moderated at

night. Went to sail at 9 P.M. and saw

quantity of stars & some meteor showers.

about 31 above 50.

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Journal Continued. May 1854.

May 13th

Saturday. Pleasant this forenoon but blew
up in the afternoon. Saw a sail and raised
two or three finbacks. Shortened sail and stood
quarter watches.

May 14th

Sunday. Heavy gale of wind from the N.W.
with a good deal of snow. Thermometer stood
at 28 above 0. Lat 57-25. Long 172. E.

May 15th

Monday. Wind has moderated running to the
southward all day saw nothing but a
finback. Lat 56-41

May 16th

Tuesday. Good breeze from the West-northwest. Detained
the ships to N. by E. Saw two finbacks but nothing
else.

May 17th

Wednesday. Light two knot breeze until 4 P.M. when it
freshened from the E.S.E. and continued increasing
all night and we were obliged to shorten sail. The mate
shot a hair seal but he sunk and we did not get
him.

May 18th

Thursday. Blowing a gale of wind today from the N.W.
But the ship under a double reefed main top sail &
fore sail. Saw a ship about two A.M. At 5 A.M.
raised ice ahead but loose and separated so that
we could pass through it without danger. Saw a
California Greyback whale and some seals.

May 21st

Blowing quite fresh. Spoke the Niger of N.B. no oil this
season. She reported the ship Manongahela of N.B.
as supposed to have been lost last season as she
has not been heard from since last Sept.

May 22nd

Monday. Fine day. Land is in sight being a part of the
coast of Channachia. Spoke the Franklin of N.B. no oil
this season. Saw another ship and bark. but did not
go near enough to ascertain who they were.

Journal Continued 1854.

May 23^d. Tuesday. Nearly calm and a very pleasant day.
 " Three ships in sight. Saw a strange species of whale
 " today entirely new to all in port and lowered
 " the boats for them and Mr. Shinton succeeded
 " in shooting a barrow into one of them
 " but do not whether it killed him for we
 " did not see the whale afterwards. Our lat
 " is about 61°

May 24th.
 " Wednes. Commenced with a light breeze but it
 " increased before noon to a stiff topgallant breeze
 " we tried to get to Cape Shaddens but the wind
 " was too near saw three ships one of them showing the
 " American signal. Some floating ice around.

May 26th. Thurs. Clear and cold with the wind blowing right off
 " the snow-capped mountains of Kamchatka. The thermometer
 " ranged about 31 above 0 all day. Considerable ice about.
 " 1 ship in sight. Breeze freshened towards sunrise and
 " shortened sail. Lat. about 61. Sun rises ten
 " minutes before three and sets about 9 giving us 18
 " hours of day but it is twilight all night.

May 26th. Friday. Clear and cold but pleasant with a light
 " breeze from the South. Saw three ships at a distance
 " there is a large quantity of ice in sight right in the
 " direction that we wish to steer.

May 27th.
 " Saturday. Breeze all day and quite warm in the
 " sun the ice is thick to the south of us

May 28th. Sunday. Foggy all the forenoon and cold the wind is
 " from the South. Spoke ships Eagle & Co. Michel & Co.
 " but neither of them have taken
 " any oil this season. The passage to Cape Shaddens is still closed

Journal Continued 1857

June 1st Thurs. Foggy all day with no breeze to speak of. One ship in sight.

June 2nd Sat. Fine day with a light breeze from the S. S. W.
 " There is a large body of ice to the N. E. & W. of us. Spoke
 " the Bush Canton Packet of N. B. She has taken no oil since leaving home.

June 3rd Sunday. Strong breeze from S. S. W. Steered N. W. until
 " 2 P. M. when we were obliged to stop on account of ice
 " brought the ship to the wind and shortened sail. At
 " 4 P. M. it became foggy and continued so all night.

June 4th Monday. Thick fog all day with very light breeze
 " Took our old in today and put the new ones on
 " the cranes.

June 5th Tues. Clear all day with a plenty of ice about
 " Spoke the ship Seine of N. B. no oil since leaving
 " home Lat. about 60-30. Long. 179 W.

June 6th Wed. Tolerably pleasant with light and variable
 " winds. Saw ice in small quantities but do not
 " find any Bowheads yet.

June 7th Thurs. Foggy all day had a light breeze part of
 " the day from the E. S. E. Course S.

June 8th Thurs. Strong breeze all day from the N. E. & accompanied
 " with fog and squalls of snow.

June 9th Sat. Fine weather all day with a light breeze
 " Raised land ahead and stood in shore until we
 " came to the ice and then kept about N. E. parallel
 " with the shore. Saw 13 vessels.

June 11th Sun. Strong breeze from the S. E. & passed Cap.
 " Thaddus and then steered S. S. E. At 3 P. M. when
 " we were again stopped by the ice Lat 63-3
 " Long. 179 E.

Journal Continued June 1854

June 12th

Monday. Pleasant all day. Spoke ships Franklin
N.B.

June 13th

Tuesday. Fine day. Standing along down the coast.
Spoke the Jefferson of S.B. and the Charles Powell
of London.

June 14th

Wednesday. Very pleasant all day with a
light breeze off shore. Standing to the S.W.
Spoke six sails in sight. Spoke ships John and
Junior of N.B. and the barque Valparaiso of the same
place.

June 15th

Thursday. Thick fog all day same ice about. Spoke
the Junior again today.

June 16th

Friday. Running through the ice all day steering S.E.
Lat 41-52 Long 173-16

June 17th

Sat. Raised six ships two of which were boiling.
After breakfast lowered the boats and pulled
in to the ice and saw several bowheads there but
did not get near them. Spoke the bark Harvest of
S.B. and ships Oregon and Roman of N.B. and the brig and
of Edgartown neither of them have taken any oil this
season also spoke the St George of S.B. with two whales.
At six o'clock P.M. lowered down and the ship
mate struck a whale but he ran into the ice and
we had to let him go losing one tub of line and two
ice irons.

June 18th

All of these days have been foggy and snow
the most of the time. Spoke the Roman of N.B.
the 20th with two whales this season and the
21st and spoke the Venus, Coffin of Sant and Majestic
of N.B.
22^d
23^d

Journal Continued June 1854

June 24th Sat.

" " Blowing a gale of wind with some snow
" " lying to under a double reefed main top sail &
" " G. E. M. staysail.

" 25th Sun. Still blowing hard. Saw several Barbedine
" but it was too rugged to lower.

" 26th Mon. Lowered for Bowheads three times today but they
" were so wild that we could not get near them.
" 13 ships in sight. Cape Navarin about 15 miles off.

" 27th Tues. Light winds most of the day. - Saw no whales.
" Latter part of the day foggy.

" 28th Wednes. Calm all day. One ship in view. No whales to be

" 29th Thurs. Thick fog with a good breeze until 3 o'clock
" P.M. when the fog cleared up and we saw a ship boiling

" 30th Fri. Raised whales at 3 o'clock A.M. and lowered for
" them but they were so wild that we could not do
" anything with them. We killed 3 seals on the ice.

July 1st Sat. Steering N.E. for Cape Bhering. Passed the mouth
" of the Gulf of the Holy Cross in the north part of the
" sea of Anaidin and at 5 P.M. sighted Cape Bhering
" which is situated on the N.E. extremity of the Anaidin sea
" and unites that sea with the sea of Camchatka.

" 2nd Sun. We received a visit from the Natives this morning
" about 1 o'clock A.M. There were 5 men and 3 women.
" They had a - some whalebone and a few walrus teeth to trade
" for Tobacco but asked such high prices that we did not trade
" much with them.

" 3rd Mon. Lat. 64 today and ice to the north of us. Spent
" the Lewis of N.B. Foggy most of the time today.

Subj^y the

"Thurs. Fourth of July and no oil yet. I am
" afraid that ... shall not get much this
" season. Our principal dependence now lies
" upon falling in with whales in the ... this season
" and that fails us we shall make nothing at all
" this season. There has been a thick fog ^{all} day
" and it will be the same for many ^{and} days.
" I cheer for supper in honor of the day.

" 5th. Wednes. Clear with a good breeze steering towards
" Bare's island. Lat 61-47.

" 6th. Thurs. Have been on the Fox island whaling
ground all day but have not seen any whales

" 7th . Frid. started for Cape Thaddeus with a stiff breeze
 " from the N. N. W. 3 P. M. made the land and then ran
 " within 7 or 8 miles of it and then stood N^o the
 " wind being hauled to the S. W. at 7 o'clock P. M. came
 " to a large body of ice stretching from the shore to the S.
 " some forty or fifty miles hauled our wind and stood
 " it shore along the ice. The breeze freshened to a gale
 " and we shortened sail and lay under double reefed
 " M. S. sail.

" 5th Sat. Foggy most all day. Spoke ship's Raman at N.B.
" with two whales also the Greenline & Sh. Co. with two

" 9th. Sun. Breeze all day

" 16th . Mon. Fog cleared up and the land was close by, with
 " bearing being to the land & a fair wind, still some
 " rain. I went out in the forenoon but did
 " see him again. We fired a visit from some natives

Journal Continued July 1854

July 12th Wednes. Stiff breeze from the N.W. spoke the
 " John of N.B. saw two bowheads but they were
 " going to windward too fast for us. Natives were
 " on board of us again to day

" 13th Thurs. Buggy a good part of the day. We are beating
 " up the coast of Asia through the straits at 4 o'clock
 " P.M. we were abreast of Indian point and were paid
 " a visit by the natives residing there.

" 14th Friday Weather is very pleasant today but the
 " wind is still ahead.

" 15th Sat. Very pleasant and warm today. 7 A.M. passed
 " St. Lawrence bay and at 7 P.M. were nearly between
 " the Diomedes and East Cape. Saw Cape Prince of Wales
 " very distinctly on our left. It is only some 30 odd
 " miles from the shore of Asia ~~and~~ that of America.
 " Saw one bowhead today but he was going too fast
 " for us to catch.

" 16th Sun. We have come up the west shore to Lat.
 " 68-35 and find no bowheads. Passed some small
 " bodies of ice today with a good many walrus's
 " on it. 3 P.M. shaped our course for the American
 " coast.

" 17th Thurs. Cape Lisburne in sight E.S.E. from
 " us and point Hope S.E.W. Saw a dead bale G.
 " back. Carried away our main royal gear today in
 " tacking ship through the carelessness of our second
 " mate who ^{was} tending the lee braces and did not ^{let} the
 " royal brace go.

" 18th Fri. Passed point Hope about 11 o'clock last night and
 " stood along shore with a 5 knot breeze until 1 A.M. when
 " lowered our boats and went in shore and ran along
 " 15 or 20 miles within half a mile of the beach. The water is
 " much shallower on the American than on the Asiatic coast.

Journal Continued. July 1854.

July 21st The land here is not so barren and rocky as on the
" on the Asiatic side. The hills and mountains are quite
" green and not so desolate. Land and some small rivers
" are visible with many. The native population is not
" so numerous as on the other side. The natives are not
" so friendly as the Kamchatkan. We saw about a dozen who were
" not so well clothed as their neighbors on
" the other continent and their features are more prominent
" resembling our Indians in the states but more in
" stature.

July 23rd Sun. Clear but cool with a good breeze from
" the Southward. 12 M. saw land on our starboard
" which is the northern coast of Kamchatka. At six P.M.
" discovered considerable ice along the shore and saw
" a great many walrus and A. G. back whales.

July 24th

" Tues. Beating towards Cape Shore the Bark James
" Andrews and Jonas Coffin. Saw a large number of
" Walrus's

" 26th Wednes. Pleasant day 12 M. arrived at Cape Shore and
" have too. After dinner the Capt. with his wife and
" boy and the Starboard watch went ashore and
" remained there until 5 P.M. when they returned on
" board and the Starboard watch went ashore and
" staid there about four hours. There is a village
" containing about 300 inhabitants where we landed.

" 27th Thurs. stiff breeze all day from the S.W. & cold
" in night.

" 28th Fri. Good breeze. 1 P.M. started for the
" S.W. 1 P.M. were the Oregon & the ... mile

" 29th Sat. 5 A.M. wind rose and rain fell within
" 10 miles of shore when we landed and the
" the other day. 1 P.M. arrived at Cape Shore. 1 P.M.
" 5 P.M. as I had no more to do I went to the N.W. and we staid
" in the ...

July and August Charles H. Perkins Ship C. H. Mason

July 30th Sun. 12 M. Passed C. Cape and shortly after dismounted ice
" ahead of us. Ran along the edge of it but saw no whales
" Light wind prevailed throughout the day. Saw 9 vessels
" 1 P.M. Steering for St. Lawrence's island with Kings island
" bearing E.S.E. about 12 miles from us

July 31st Mon. Forenoon was rather muggy and had a pretty
" severe snow squall but moderated after dinner
" 4 P.M. raised St. Lawrence's island bearing S.S.W.
" when we altered our course and steered about E.N.E.
" A along the shore.

August 1854

Aug. 1st Tues. Pleasant with a light breeze from the N.W. Course
" S.E. St. Lawrence island in sight all day

" 2nd Wednes. Clear with a light breeze from the E. Steering
" full and by with the Larboard Tack aboard.

" 3rd Thurs. Mild weather and a light breeze. Saw island
" on our lee beam bearing W.S.W. from us at 12 M. 1 P.M.
" with some rain took in the light sails and laid aback
" till morning

" 4th Friday. Thick all day. Steering for the Straits wind
" E.N.E. Broke out the after hold

" 5th Sat. Wind blowing half a gale. Seica to all
" day and night under double reefed fore & main topsail
" fore sail.

" 6th Sun. 10 A.M. raised land on our weather
" bow which proved to be Cape Horn. Wind moderated
" towards night and made sail accordingly 7 P.M. 4 ships
" in sight to leeward of us. Wind E.

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Aug 7th

" Mon. Stiff breeze accompanied with rain double reefed
" the topsails & sailed for the ... I took a severe
" cold and had a short but severe attack of Quinsy

" 8th Tues. Weather still unsettled with the wind from the
" E. Capt. Serran & his wife are very kind and attentive.
" Mrs. Serran has made poultices and oyster soup for me
" and does all she can to make me comfortable.

" 9th Wednes. Unsettled weather yet beating up the
" straits. Made the ship Roman 2 miles.

" 10th Thurs. Raining all day. Saw 2. bowheads but one
" of them we only saw one rising and the other
" only two so that we had no chance to get one
" will be perceived at once by those acquainted with
" the thing and those that are not must take my word
" for it.

" 11th Fri. Light wind and calm nearly all day. Rained
" 11 A.M. when it stopped but still remained thick
" & ships in sight. Saw a dead whale. Broke back. He was
" a few miles to leeward of St. Lawrence bar at 12 M.
" 4 P.M. exchanged signals with the Olympia of N.B.

" 12th Sat. Weather is variable being clear some of
" the time and foggy part. Here visited by Capt.
" Bonny of the Lewis & Capt. Russell of the Olympia.

" 13th Sun. Breeze again all day.
" Sun. Very pleasant day. We are a few miles
" to the S. of St. Lawrence bar. Our boats went
" ashore to day. They saw a large herd of tame
" reindeer. Three of our men descended 4 P.M.
" raised a bowhead and gave chase but did not
" get near him and went six P.M. saw two more
" and chased with the success. Standing off and
" on all day and night.

Ship Eliza H. Mason.

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Aug 14th Mon. Pleasant but nearly calm. Were
" visited by a large number of natives
" The ship Roman hoisted a signal for us
" to come on-board of her she being there
" some ten or twelve miles off. Capt. C.
" sent the mate on board to ascertain
" what was wanted and we found
" that Capt. C. had apprehended three of our
" men who deserted yesterday. They went on board thinking
" it was a french ship and that they could go to the S. S.
" in her and then be clear but discovered their mistake
" to late

15th Tues. Light variable winds all the fore part of the day
" After breakfast the three deserters were seized to the main
" rigging and flogged receiving one dozen & a half each.
" We were working through the straits gradually. At 7
" P.M. Cape Horn N. N. W. about twenty miles and ~~at 8~~
" we got a good breeze accompanied with rain from
" the S.

16th Wednes. Strong breeze from the S. E. Steering
" N. N. W. all day. Left Cape Horn out of sight
" at 9 A.M. Spoke the Pingard of Edgartown

17th Thurs. Strong breeze from the S. E. Spoke the
" St. George of N. B. with 5 bowhead this season
" We are steering for Saint John

18th Fri. Light breeze from the N. E. all day 8 A.M.
" Point Hope in sight bearing E. from us. N. N. W.
" were ship and stood S. W.

19th Sat. Nearly calm and foggy most of day. Spoke
" the Pingard of Edgartown. Steaming S. W. & S. S. W.
" all day

20th Sun. Weather same as yesterday but more fog
" Saw the Pingard. Wind about S. E. Ship heading
" S. S. W.

Ship Eliza F. Mason Capt. Vermeegen. [27]

Aug. 29th. Tues. Thick fog all day and a strong breeze from
the N. standing on the wind on the starboard tack.

" 30th. Wednes. Heavy and damp all day. Saw one sail
Wind N.E. by E. Lat. 67-30. Long 175 11.

" 31st. Thurs. Good breeze from the N.E. by S. saw the
George of N.B. - standing on the wind on the starboard
tack all day.

Sept. 1st. Fri. Foggy nearly all day. Steering S.S.W. all
day until 5 P.M. when we came to ice in Lat.
67-30 & Long 173. W. when we hauled our wind
to or 7 points on the Starboard tack.

" 2nd. Sat. Pleasant day 6 A.M. land bore E.S.E. with
the wind blowing a good royal breeze off of it
steering N.E. all day - saw a large number of
muscledigger whales. Two sails in sight in the
course of the day one hauled close hauled on the opposite
tack and the other appears to going the same
course as ourselves.

" 3rd. Sun. Thick fog greater part of the day with a
variable winds from the southward. Spoke the Governor
of Baltimore with 4 whales and reported the S.
Thompson with 6 & the Ed. Hancock & Franklin in view of
them three. Course N.N.W.

" 4th. Mon. Blowing quite fresh from the E. Course N.N.W.
8 A.M. have too under double reefed main to sail.
1 P.M. kept off on our course again. Lat. 69-57

" 5th. Tues. Light breeze from the S. A great number of
whales and muscledigger whales around today. Course
N.E. by E. Lat. 70-38 Long 165 W.

Sept. Journal Continued by C. A. Perkins

" 6th. Wednes. Strong breeze from the N.W. & S. A.M.
 " in latitude 71-14 and longitude 162-16 W.
 " we came to ice apparently solid. There were
 " in great many walrus on it and we lowered our
 " boats and went after them and succeeded in killing
 " three and taking them aboard and mounted
 " some 15 or 20 more. 12 M. kept off with
 " and were accompanied with rain 7 P.M. bore two
 " on the horizon took under double reefed fore & main
 " top sail & fore & main stay sail

" 7th. Thurs. Weather rather squally and cold.
 " American coast in sight close haul' sailing to
 " the S.W. under top & main sail's with S.W. B.
 " Lat. 71-16

" 8th. Fri. Breeze all day with an average 6 knot
 " breeze from the N.W. Breeze hauled, heading S.S.W.
 " 6 P.M. Cape Lisburne bore S. distant 15
 " miles

" 9th. Sat. Cloudy all day with a good breeze
 " from the N.W. Breeze S. by E. 6 P.M. spoke the
 " Roman with 3 whales.

" 10th. Sun. Weather much the same as yesterday. 12 M.
 " hauled our wind and stood on the starboard tack
 " and by 6 P.M. Cape Lisburne bore S. by E. 17-18 W.

" 11th. Mon. Breeze calm all day and barometer is rising
 " 4 P.M. raised land and saw a mountain in the
 " N. is the coast of Asia.

" 12th. Tues. Breeze from the N.W. & S. A.M.
 " the N.W. Breeze was not with us till 11
 " A.M. and was in 2 P.M. giving us about 10 hours
 " of night which is not so late as some of the others.

Ship C. E. Mason Capt. Penegar

- Sept. 13th Wednes. Strong breeze from the S. S. E. accompanied
" with rain 7 A. M. furlled the fore top sail and
" and lay bare too on the starboard mast
" all day
- " 14th Thurs. Blowing a smart gale all day.
" Lat. 68-58. Weather is quite cool
- " 15th Fri. Gale is subsiding slowly spoke Roman
" again today
- " 16th Sat. Clear and calm until three P. M. when a
" strong breeze sprung up from the S. S. E. but
" only lasted to midnight when it died away
" to a calm again Cape Lisburne bore N. E. at
" 7 P. M. distant about 20 miles
- " 17th Sun. Pleasant but cool with a very light
" and variable breeze. Point Hope in sight at
" sundown.
- " 18th Mon. Strong breeze from the S. E. 11 A. M.
" raised two bowheads. Lowered down and
" chased without success. Saw same 6 or 7 in
" the course of the day. Long. 171. Lat. 68.
- " 19th Tues. Fine day with a good breeze from the E. S. E.
" 7 A. M. raised a bowhead and lowered for him
" but did not get near him. One ship in sight
" Lat. 68-24 - Long. 170-52.
- " 20th Wednes. Light breeze. making short tacks all day.
" 3 P. M. spoke the Roman wind hauled to the N.
- " 21st Thurs. Clear with a strong breeze from
" the N. S. E. 12 M. Roman crossed our wake on
" her way to the straits. Lat. 67-51. Long. 169-44.

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22nd.

" 4th. Clear until 5 P.M. when it
" set in. foggy 12 M. raised three barrels
" and lowered and gave chase but did not
" get near enough to strike Hind N.E. by N.

" 23rd.

" Sat. Thick fog all day with very little
" wind from the N.E. by N.

" 24th.

" Sun 11 A.M. weather cleared up but it
" is very cold. The thermometer averages about
" 35 above C at noon.

" 25th.

" Mon. Seven o'clock A.M. raised a barrel
" and lowered for him twice before 12 M.
" but he was very wet and we could not
" get near him. Hind freshened to a double
" reefed topsail breeze towards night and
" shortened sail accordingly.

" 26th.

" Tues. Cloudy all day and cold with strong
" breeze from the Westnorthwest. Steering S by W.
" Brake out for water. Lat. 67 10. Long. 169.

" 27th.

" Wednes. 5 o'clock A.M. East Cape was on our
" weather quarter and the Grinnels on our
" lee beam. Breeze S. with a light breeze
" from the N.E. by N. The land is covered with
" snow apparently of considerable depth.
" The thermometer stood at 29 above C at noon.
" We have taken leave of the Arctic Ocean
" for the last time I hope. I have not the
" slightest desire to visit it again. It is decidedly
" the most uncomfortable part of the world to live
" in that I have ever visited and I hope to have made
" something this season that would have compensated me
" for hardships and exposure but have been disappointed
" as we are now bound for the Arctic Ocean.

Ship C. K. Mason. Capt. Jernegan

" 28th

Sat. Breeze Light ^{winde} from the north. At 7 A.M. Cape Horn
 " N.B. about 20 miles distant. Passed St. Lawrence
 " island the south point bearing N.E. by N. at 7
 " P.M. some 15 or 20 miles distant. Course S.S.E. carried
 " studding-mils. since morning. The weather is
 " very cold with light squalls of snow all day.

" 29th

Sun. Strong breeze from the N. with squalls of snow.
 At 9 o'clock A.M. raised Gore island ahead and at
 " 4 P.M. ~~came~~ came too under the lee of it and went
 " ashore with two boats in hopes of seeing some white
 " bears but were disappointed. 8 P.M. spoke the
 " S^m Thomson & Franklin of N.B. the S^m C. with Harbald
 " and the Franklin with 7 shortland sail and prepar-
 " to lie too over night and chase right whales tomorrow
 " the above named vessels having chased for a week
 " without getting any we must do likewise.

" 30th

Sat. Light fluctuating wind all day. In com-
 " with the Franklin today. Gore island in sight
 " saw the S^m Thomson chasing a whale about
 " dark but do not know whether she got one
 " or not. Some snow squalls during the day.

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Oct. 1st.

Sun. Light baffling wind all day. The S^m Thomson
 " ~~has~~ took a right whale last evening. Gore island
 " has borne about E. all day. Received a visit from
 " Capt. Richmond of the Franklin.

" 2nd.

Mon. Strong breeze from the S.S.W. close hauled
 " on the Harbald tack with the exception of
 " about an hour and a half. At the Thomson & Franklin
 " a stern cut of sight at 5 P.M.

" 3rd.

Tues. Strong breeze from the S. with fog and ^{on the} rain ^{on the} Harbald tack
 " Sat. 57-53 Low. 165-36 S. 7 P.M. shortened sail and were

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Journal continued by C. H. Perkins

Oct 4th

Wednes. Blowing quite hard all day from the
S. S. W. accompanied with some rain and a thick
fog. The ship once in four hours all day.

5th

Thurs. Gale moderated a down but the
is still ahead. 2 P.M. raised land on our weather
beam bearing S. Suppose it to be St. Paul's island
situated in lat. 54°-64' long. 156° island belonging
to Russia and is inhabited by Russian convicts
who are sent there by that government.

6th

Fri. Light breeze from the N. N. W. in the morning
until about midnight. All night it became calm
and rained until three P.M. when a breeze sprang up from
the west. At seven P.M. had a strong royal breeze
One of the officers shot a scatterer, they have flippers
instead of legs but resemble the land otter in the
shape of the body and head and have very fine
soft fur.

7th

Sat. Pleasant and a light breeze from the
S. S. W. Broke out for provisions and sent a
man mizen-top-sail. Lat 54° 13' - Long 169° 30'

8th

Sun. Wind blowing a gale from the S. S. W.
steering N. under double reefed fore
main-top-sail, fore-sail & jib.

9th

Mon. At five A.M. wind hauled to N. S. W.
bore reefed main-top-sail and furl'd fore-top-sail
& jib. Bore all day but the wind blew hard.

10th

Tues. Wind hauled back to S. about 7 A.M. and
increased gradually to a gale. At 12 M. bore fore
top under close reefed main-top-sail and fore bottom
stay-sail.

1854. Ship Eliza B. Mason Capt. Pennington

Oct.

" 11th. Wednes. Wind blew very hard all day. We
 " had nothing out but a close reefed maintopsail
 " and turned up the boats. 7 A.M. we were on the
 " larboard tack when we shipped a very heavy sea
 " and stove the starboard boat. Hove ship at 10 A.M.
 " and shortly after she gave a heavy lurch to leeward
 " and rolled the bowboat under water and cracked some
 " of the boards in it. It is the heaviest gale we have
 " had this voyage. Our lat. is 54-15' long. 175-44
 " west.

" 12th. Thurs. Gale moderated this morning and we set the
 " fore & main topsail, close reefed, reefed the fore sail and
 " set it and bent the maintopmast stay sail reefed and
 " set that. The weather is quite cool. We had some
 " severe squalls of hail last night. The weather is very
 " much like that we experienced here in the ship
 " Bances, three years ago. I think the sea of Hamshatter
 " is the most stormy and gloistering part of the world
 " I have been in yet. We took the starboard and bowboat
 " in on deck after dinner. Wind is arising from S.E.
 " to S.W. but rather strengthened from the S.E. to S.W. to
 " night and remained steady from that quarter.

" 13th. Fri. Gale died away and left us with a
 " moderate breeze from the N.E. but before ^{night} it became
 " squally and we had to double reef the topsails and
 " put the mainsail. Sent down fore & main royal ~~tops~~
 " ^{galls}

" 14th. Strong breeze from the S.W. with a point or two
 " variation each way. 11 A.M. wore ship and boarded
 " the starboard tack. We are now 17 days from the
 " Arctic Ocean and have not got clear of the Fox or
 " Aleutian islands yet. We seem to be peculiarly
 " unfortunate. This voyage has far exceeded taking
 " oil and making passages Lat. 55-41' long. 178-
 " 38 East

Oct 15th Journal Continued Oct 1854

" Sun. Calm all the fore part of the day but
" a breeze sprang up from the S.W. by N. after
" dinner. Standing in the larboard tack with
" topgallant sails and mainmast set

" 16th. Mon. Strong breeze from the S.W. accompanied
" with heavy rain. Took in maintop and
" stic-jib and single reefed the fore & maintopsails
" After dinner took the m^y a smooth bottomed
" boats in an deck and put out the ground-bottomed ones
" Ship on the larboard tack and was at 5 1/2 N. long
" about 11 1/2

" 17th Tues. Wind shifted to the West-northwest about
" 12 Midnight then raised a joint squall to the Northward
" course is S. The wind increased rapidly after three A.M.
" and at half past four it blew a smart gale and at
" 7 A.M. we had the topsails doubled and mainmast set and
" the ice boats turned up but we shipped some heavy seas
" and rolled the two lee boats out of sight under water
" and burst them open at the stern 4 P.M. the
" points were making a S.W. course and set single reef
" maintop

" 18th. Wednes. Gale moderated down last night and made
" all sail that would draw and showed the ore
" clear of the fog which was and is now a small island
" about 1/2 mile long and 1/4 wide. It is a very disagreeable
" say the least it spent five or six months in this cold
" and barbarous region and when the weather is the worst
" we obliged to be out in it the more and have been the
" most men to do and it after all to receive no pay for
" it at 5 1/2 N. long 176° E. Can be seen.

" 19th. Thurs. Light wind from the N.W. at 11 A.M. broke out
" water and showed the harbor. Lat 48-40

Oct. Ship Lisa F. Mason.

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" 20th. Fri. Wind breeced up from the N. E. last night and
" gradually increased to a heavy gale back in the
" mainsail & jib and close reefed the fore & main top sails
" in the morning weather and at dinner time we were
" lying too under close reefed maintop sail the shipped
" some very heavy seas and one of them carried away the
" cooks galley but did not damage the stove or sink
" 9 P. M. had two very heavy seas strike us in the
" waist and knock a large hole in ^{the} bulwarks.

" 21st. Sat. Wind moderated the latter part of the night
" and in the morning so that we were able to make some
" sail and before noon it was quite moderate with the
" wind from the N. but the weather was thick and foggy
" nearly all day. Steering S. S. E.

" 22nd. Sun. Light wind but fair the weather is quite warm
" compared with that we had a few days ago. We are nearly
" on the same division of lat. as the rocks at home Bent a new
" fore top sail. Lat. 42-15.

" 23rd. Mon. Strong breeze from the S. S. E. with some rain
" but cleared away before noon and wind backed to N. E. S. E.

" 24th. Tues. Very pleasant ^{day} the warmest that we had since
" last April. Commenced working on the rigging and
" repairing boats. We caught a sunfish today so called
" from their resemblance to the sun when they are lying on
" the surface of the water. Wind from the S. E.

" 25th. Wednes. Wind hauled to the S. S. E. in the fore part of the
" night and some rain fell but it cleared up in the
" morning. Wind shifted to the N. E. at 12 A. M.
" Lat. 40-14 & long. 169 west.

Oct. 31. Journal Continued by C. H. Perkins.

" 26th. Thurs. Fine pleasant day with a light breeze
" from the N. E. by N. About the old canoes and
" boat others in their places Lat. 38-40. Long 168

" 27th. Fri. Calm a large portion of the day and got
" a breeze from the S. towards night with some
" rain. At night subsiding the breeze and sailing
" down

" 28th. Sat. Very strong breeze from the N. N. W. with
" much squalls and many showers of rain. Lat. 36-38
" Long 160-40.

" 29th. Sun. Light variable wind but much came
" around to the N. N. W. being at the same time S. by E.

" 30th. Mon. Strong breeze from N. N. W. steering S. E.
" A large quantity of rain fell during the day
" Spike ship Cincinnati at Hampton from the Chesapeake
" sea with six hundred bbls. this season.

" 31st. Tues. Strong westmost breeze with a few squalls
" steering S. One sail in sight anchored in
" evening - ship today Lat. 29-30 Long 155-10

Nov 1854.

Nov. 1st. Wednes. A fine clear day and warm with
" a light breeze from the N. N. Spike Barge
" Harmon of New London from Chesapeake sea
" with 1500 hundred bbls. of oil
" Lat 25-31. Long 155-20.

" 2nd. Thurs. Breeze calm all day three ships in sight
" hands busy putting the ship in trim
" for port

Nov 3^d. Ship Eliza A. Mason. N. M. Loring Master.

" Fri. At four A.M. spoke ship South America of N.B. from
" the Oketoko sea with 2600 bbls this season and over
" 7000 bbls in 35 months. 10 A.M. spoke raised land
" which proved to be Marotai one of the S.I.s and at
" 7 P.M. shortened sail with the intention of ~~leaving~~ ^{lying}
" off and on all night Mowee being right ahead distant
" some 15 or 20 miles.

" 4th. Sat. At 10 A.M. dropped anchor off Mowee. There
" is no harbor only an open roadstead between
" Mowee (or Maui) and the islands of Kanai and Marotai.
" Plenty of work all day getting our casks ready for
" ratting water and bringing to the ship. ^{the weather} ~~the weather~~
" is very warm and sultry. I have received only ^{one letter} yet
" and that is one that Father wrote last Dec. I think
" however that there must be some more at Honolulu
" if there is not I shall be disappointed indeed.

" 5th. Sun. Pleasant but very warm. Part of the crew
" were allowed to go out shore to church but did not
" not attend myself.

" 6th. Mon. Cleaning ship preparatory to painting. There are
" about 50 ships lying at anchor here now one of which
" is a merchant ship from Boston bound to Canton in
" China.

" 7th. Tues. Bored a raft of water from the shore today
" and hoisted it on board and stowed it away in
" the lower hold.

" 8th. Wed. Painting ship and repairing rigging.
" Took another large raft of empty casks on shore
" to get fixed. Freeman C. Dexter of Edgartown
" Mass. and Henry S. Dunbar of Chicopee Mass.
" were both discharged for inability and sickness.

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Nov.

- " 9th. Thurs. Still busy painting ship. The
" weather is very warm. We towed a raft
" of water along side and hoisted it on
" board late this afternoon.
- " 10th. Fri. Starboard watch had liberty to spend
" the day on shore. The other watch were
" busy all day getting the water stored away
" in the lower hold and painting ship.
- " 11th. Sat. The Starboard watch were at
" liberty on shore to day. Finished painting
" ship and washed the decks.
- " 12th. Sund. The Starboard watch were on shore
" today. The breezes were very strong and squally
" and some of the vessels damaged their masts
" and were obliged to leave the end water
" sail.
- " 13th. Mon. Towed a raft of water along side
" and hoisted it on board this morning
" after which the Starboard watch went on shore
" and spent the day. The breezes are very strong
" and squally all day.
- " 14th. Tues. Pleasant but very warm. Finished stowing
" water in the lower hold. The Starboard watch
" on shore to day.
- " 15th. Wed. Towed a raft of water on board
" and stowed between decks making about five
" hundred barrels of fresh water that we have
" taken on board here. The Starboard watch had
" liberty today.

1854 Ship E. F. Mason N.M. Jernegan. Master.
Nov.

" 16th. Thurs. Took about forty barrels of potatoes on
" board and from 7 to 8 bushels of onions.
" The Starboard watch had their last day of liberty
" on shore today.

" 17th. Fri. Set up some of the head rigging and tarred
" down some of the main rigging and took one hundred
" squashes on board. The Starboard watch had their
" last liberty today. Our men have behaved remarkably
" well. None of them have offered to desert and there
" has been but very little intemperance among them.

" 18th. Sat. Fine day with a light breeze from the E.
" At 11 o'clock A.M. got under weigh and stood at once towards
" Baimai and back again and then lay to back till about
" dark when we stood full and lay off for all night.
" Five more men came on board tonight when the Capt.
" has shipped to go a year. They are natives of Guam one
" of the Ladrones islands all but one and he belongs some
" where on the Spanish main.

" 19th. Sun. Light breeze all day. Lying off & on all day.
" At four o'clock P.M. the Capt. with his wife and boy came
" on board and we started for Oahu which lies about
" 90 miles to the N.W. of Maui.

" 20th. Mon. Fine day with a light breeze from the E.
" At 11 o'clock A.M. got under weigh and stood at once towards
" Baimai and back again and then lay to back till about
" dark when we stood full and lay off for all night.
" Five more men came on board tonight when the Capt.
" has shipped to go a year. They are natives of Guam one
" of the Ladrones islands all but one and he belongs some
" where on the Spanish main.

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" 1st. I did not go out in the morning
" but in the afternoon I went out in the boat
" leaving at 1 P.M. and returning at 4 P.M.
" The weather was very calm and the water
" was very smooth. I went out in the boat
" and saw many fish. I saw many
" but I did not catch any. I saw many
" but it is very difficult to catch
" young ones. I saw many of the
" of the movement. It is very
" and I saw many of the
" the years without having a word from any
" friends and knowing at the same time that
" there are letters there but owing to the culpable
" conduct of the officials can not obtain
" them.

" 22nd. I did not go out in the morning. I sent a boat on
" shore at 10 A.M. and it did not return
" till dark and the Capt. with his wife came
" shortly after. I saw him on shore having obtained
" his discharge. I was very sorry to see him go
" for he was the best shipmate that I have ever
" had. He was smart, intelligent, industrious,
" of an excellent disposition, and was a man
" of good principles. He is a native of Martha's
" Vineyard. Mass. and intends going to Cal.
" where he has been before. I P.M. I said adieu
" to Honolulu and best off for Atooi distant
" some 80 or 100 miles the Westward.

" 23rd. Thurs. Nearly calm the most of the day
" and Atooi both in sight the former
" on an starboard quarter and the latter
" right ahead. At 6 P.M. got a breeze and took in

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Nov. 25th

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and 8th.

Nov. 54 Journal continued by A. B. Perkins

" 29th. Windy. Strong trades with light squalls.
" Lat. 12-2 north

" 31st. Thurs. Squally and a heavy fall of rain
" Latter part of the day and through the
" night was calm. Observed this day
" as Thanksgiving.

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Dec. 1st.

" Fri. Light wind and variable. Rather
" is warm and oppressive Lat. 7-47 north

" 2nd. Sat. Good breeze from the E.S.E. Put out
" new jibguys and repaired the jibstay

" 3rd. Sun. Pleasant with the exception of being
" rather warm. I should feel quite contented
" if I had only heard from home but the
" uncertainty of their welfare and lives is
" very painful. I perceive by the papers that
" the Cholera has raged to a considerable extent
" and the feeble health of some of family
" when it is combined with the uncertainty
" of any letters makes it almost impossible to
" avoid having dark forebodings and weighs my
" naturally light spirits down far below a
" healthy medium

" 4th. Mon. Light breeze from the S.W. rising
" engaged in overhauling and repairing our
" rigging. Saw a great number of Parrots today
" but have seen no sperm whales

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Dec. 9th Ship. E. F. Mason. N. M. Corrigan Capt.

" Sat. The weather has been very warm all
" the week and no rain with light breezes
" principally from the S.E. We crossed the
" Equinoctial line on Wednes. the sixth.
" Have seen no whales or vessels since leaving
" the S.D. Engaged repairing the rigging &
" sails. Lat. about 2-30 south. Long. about 169
" west. 1 P.M. raised a sail on our weather beam
" and at 4 o'clock she kept off for us and spoke
" us about 7 P.M. It proved to be the Fish Swift
" of New Bedford. Capt. Earle

" 13th Wednes. We are in company with the Fish Swift,
" yet and intend to be company for some
" time. 1 P.M. raised Black Byrons island one of
" the Kingmills group. It lies in south lat 1-18.
" 8.9 east long. 1770.

" 16th Sat. As we are in ~~west~~ east longitude and
" expect to be for a year or a little less to come.
" We changed our day and called this the 16th.
" 5 o'clock A.M. we raised Rotches island one of the
" above named group and at 10 A.M. we were
" quite convenient to the shore and a large
" number of Kanaks came off to us bringing
" coconuts & hats to sell and some squaws for
" the most of purposes. I think the fact that,
" the natives of all these islands (with very few
" exceptions) bring off a large number of women
" to every ship that visits them speaks plainer
" than words for the morals of the white race
" and more especially the Americans & English
" as very few others visit them. The women go
" quite naked and the women merely have a girdle
" of grass around their middles reaching half way
" down to their knees. They are straight, small limbed
" and have good features and are not very much improved

Dec 54 Journal Continued by C. H. Perkins

" 17th Kiki Kiki Kiki. I was aroused by the cry
" of fire about 10 P. M. I was on deck
" in a few seconds and found that there was a dense
" smoke pouring out of the fore-castle gang-way
" and the fore-hatchway (the fire was first discovered
" by some of the forward hands who were sleeping in the
" fore-castle and were awakened by the smell of the
" smoke). The men were immediately set to drawing
" water and the officers endeavored to ascertain the
" precise spot of the fire but were unable to form
" the quantity of smoke that filled her between decks
" and in the lower hold. Meanwhile the Capt. had
" been firing signal guns for the Irish Swift and
" in a short time she came down to us and Capt. Cable
" came on board with a strong gang of men
" and they commenced drawing water pouring in the
" lower hold. After trying until we were nearly
" suffocated to ascertain where the fire was the Capt.
" concluded that the best course of action would be to
" battendown the hatches and stop every carrier and try
" if we could not smother the fire. We proceeded to do it
" and also bared holes in the upper-deck's large enough
" to admit the hose-cocks and worked drawing water and
" pouring in the lower hold and between decks until
" about 9 A.M. she then had about five and a half feet
" of water in her lower hold. The two Capt's. thought
" that would be sufficient the wall of the ship
" to drown the fire. The next step taken was to
" pick out seven men out of the crew and put
" them in the rigging. The being the ones most
" open to suspicion in the eyes of the Capt.

Ship Eliza H. Mason N. M. Pennequin Master.

in fresh cause for alarm. At midnight Mr. Pennequin
of the forward hatches and went down in the lower hold
and discovered the fire but the

about midnight went down one at a

heart of the fore channel. The second time that I went
down I staid too long and the moment the fresh air met
me at the lower hatchway I became insensible and unable
by the rope. They threw fresh water over me and chafed my
temples and limbs with camphor & Spirituall but it was
some fifteen or twenty minutes before I recovered so as to be
conscious. Mr. Bently our third officer, Mr. Doyers fourth mate of the
Sireh Swift had similar fits. And our miserable puppy that is
in a second mate's station counterfeited or tried to
Mrs. Pennequin displayed much fortitude and presence of
mind throughout the whole of this trying affair and
was quite regardless of her health and was around the ship
when it was half landlocked receiving every attention and
assistance in her power to the sufferers although it was
Meanwhile the fire had received a fresh impetus from the air
commanded engine better than ever until it became impossible
to stop in the hole a minute. The hatches were hoisted on and
water in her until with the roll of the ship it reached the
lower deck. She ceased then knowing it that did not extinguish
the fire it was out of our power to save the ship. The Capt then
proceeded with the examination of the suspected cargo
after a short examination which only resulted in fastening

Dec. 15th
" 18th "

Journal Continued by C. H. Perkins

" more strongly upon Houghton's we commenced to drag
" him and as soon as he had inflicted twodaysen lashes we to
" setting the fire and named accomplices. (he named)
" the names of Rochester Termants, Gerrit Pillsbury
" and a few others. George Smith was the first to
" be named.
" I would have a fine chance to get rid of the ship
" all the party got them somewhere in the neighborhood of
" a hundred lashes apiece and then handcuffed them
" and were then to name it, more tomorrow

Dec. 5th. Ship E. G. Mason J. M. Ferrigan. Master.

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15th Thurs. Early this morning we stood along down
shore to the S.W. end of the island the principal
settlement being there, and found the Birch Swift
there. The Capt. with his wife & child went on shore.
The island presents a very rugged appearance to
the eye it being nothing but upon pile of rough &
jagged rocks rising about two thousand feet above
the level of the ocean apparently inaccessible to human
beings but there is a small strip of land extending
around the whole island varying from a few rods
to half a mile in which abounds with coconuts
and some few bananas. The inhabitants about three
hundred in number raise sweet potatoes yams &
some corn. The barter with the vessels called at
and break the have been engaged hauling off
potatoes all day.

16th Fri. The starboard watch had today to spend
the day on shore and the other watch were engaged
in getting off wood. The governor of the island visited
us a visit in company with his wife. He is a native
of Guam. The inhabitants are all Catholics and there
is a Spanish priest resides here.

Feb. 15th
" 16th

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" The laws are very despotic. The Governor has the power
" to make or repeal laws at his pleasure, but he appears
" to be a man of pretty good understanding and to have
" an amiable disposition.

" 17th Starboard watch employed in beating off wood and the
" other watch spent the day on shore, two of them were missing
" at night and the Capt. employed some natives to look
" them up. The ship *Marea* of New Bedford arrived here today
" after recruits.

" 18th Sun. The bark *Mary Gardiner* of Sag Harbor came in
" today also in search of recruits. The Capt. went on shore
" after dinner and found the two deserters who had
" been found asleep about a mile from the village at ten
" o'clock the night before. At four o'clock in the afternoon
" the Capt. came on board and we steered for Guam which
" lies about sixty miles to the S.W. of ~~here~~ this island
" The two deserters were put in irons and I suppose will be
" flogged as Capt. G. holds it to be right for him to violate
" the laws of ^{his} country if his men do or in plain words
" he treats the laws of his country with contempt and calls
" any person a fool who lets himself be governed by them
" The reason may be in a great measure attributed to their
" ignorance for they are as a class the most ignorant that
" can be found under American colors, occupying the station
" in society they do and they are as a matter of course very
" self-conceited, bigoted and tyrannical in fact their ^{it} ~~reference~~
" is most ridiculous and almost intolerable.

" 19th Mon. Arrived at the watering place about 9 A.M. and
" to a raft casks on shore and filled them and took them
" on board and then got about four thousand oranges and several
" bunches of bananas. The island of Guam is some twenty or
" thirty miles in length and about twelve in breadth and is
" much more fertile than *Poto* and is not so mountainous.

Feb/56. Journal Continued by C. H. Perkins

" 21st. Tues. Stood up the shore on the wind until
three o'clock this morning when we were round
and stood in shore. Two of our men deserted
by swimming ashore when we were about one mile
from the beach but their absence was not discovered
until some three or four hours after they were
supposed to have left. One of them was Carr Langthail
the ringleader of the fire gang and the other was
a native of San Bartolomilao island. The Capt.
went on shore this morning at Guam town
which is the largest settlement on these islands
the Spanish Governor resides there and there
is an American consul there Joseph Risley &
Miguel Medina two men who shipped in Calhoun
for the term of one year went on shore also and
were discharged.

" 21st. Wednes. Stood in shore this morning and one
boat went ashore and did not return until past
12 M. and they left one man on shore drunk and part
of those that came off were not much better. Another
boat went in about three in the afternoon and some
of the crew got in a fight among themselves on shore
and came off with black eyes and bloody noses.
The St. George is lying off 400 in company with us

" 22nd. Thurs. The Capt. with his wife & boy came aboard about
two o'clock P.M. and we bid adieu to the Ladrones islands
and started for the Japan Sea course N.W. The
St. George also started for the same place. No trace of
our two deserters has been discovered up to this time
and it is feared that they did not reach the shore

" 23rd. Sun. Light breeze from the E. Steering S.W. by W.
Had a strong breeze on the larboard quarter this
23rd 24th and hope to be among right waves in
a week or ten days. Weather is quite warm yet
about 16 north Lat. 135 east.

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Ship E. E. Mason. N. M. Carrigan Master

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Feb. 28th Wednes. Commenced blowing a stiff breeze from the N. by E.
" about midnight and by 7 A.M. had increased to half a gale of
" wind and we had to double reef the topsails. The weather is
" several degrees cooler than it was two days ago.
" 5 o'clock P.M. furled the mainsail & jib. Lat. about 21 north.

March 1855.

3^d Sat. Fine clear weather with a light breeze from the
" N.E. A ship is in sight off our lee quarter. Painted the
" boats and bent a new maintopgallant sail. Lat. about 24 n.
" Long. 124-40 east.

" 4th Sun. Last night at ten o'clock we raised land right
" ahead and at 11 P.M. kept off to the westward of it and ran
" past. They were two of the Loo Choo islands and are in lat
" 23 n. and Long. 124 east and are inhabited by Chinese.
" The beach was lined with huts the natives being occupied
" in fishing. They were too far off in the morning to enable
" us to perceive whether they presented a fertile appearance.
" At one P.M. discovered three rocks about 15 miles off an our
" lee beam they ranged in a line with each other about a
" mile apart east and west. We are in what is called the
" Eastern sea now.

" 5th Mon. Distant weather a good breeze from the S.E. Steering
" north. Put out the new sea board & waist boats.

" 7th Wednes. The last two days have been foggy and nearly rain
" the most of the time. We are now in the north part of
" the China-sea not more than three hundred miles from
" the coast. One ship in sight to night an our weather
" bore.

" 8th Thurs. Thick fog the greater part of the day. Exchanged signals
" with a French merchantman.

" 9th Clear the fore part of the day but a thick fog the latter
" part. Commenced stowing quarter madders last night.
" The med. mate also returned to duty. Lat. 31 north.

1855. Journal continued by W. F. Perkins
March 11th

" Sat. Spoke the English ship Skiddle of Liverpool
" bound to Shanghai China. also saw two Chinese junk
" in the bay that are has been hearance of rain.

" 14th. Sun. thick foggy weather with some rain. Spoke
" the ship Rainbow & N.B. with two right-whales this
" season.

" 15th. Wednes. Clear fine weather today. The Rainbow
" is in sight on our lee beam. Lat. 31° 25' N.
" Long. 124° 30' E.

" 16th. Thurs. Some showers today with thunder & lightning
" raised right-whales about 6 o'clock A.M. and heard for
" them but did not get near enough to strike them.
" Sailed twice afternoon with similar success.
" The Rainbow in sight all day to leeward of us.

" 18th. Sat. Light breeze from the north. Saw a ship
" across today and passed a dead right-whale yesterday
" the ship in sight on our lee.

" 19th. Mon. Thick foggy weather with some rain. Wind from the
" N.W. and it is very raw and chilly. We have not had
" more than two or three days of fair weather since we
" here. our sails in sight today the weather is clear.

" 23rd. Fri. Wind blowing a gale from the N.W. the weather has
" been very unsettled thus far. Spoke the ship Hobomack of
" the north with one whale this season. She reported the
" St. George was having one also.

" 24th. Sat. Strong breeze from the N.W. Sun. 3:30 P.M.
" raised whale about 10 miles off on our bow and
" kept off for them and at 2 P.M. we were within
" 10 miles of the whale. We were not able to
" get within 4 or 5 miles of her and the weather
" was so thick and hit the whale but from some

March Ship E. H. Mason A. M. Tennyson, Master.

24th Cause unknown to me the irons did not go in far enough to hold on. Mr. Bease went along side of another and his boatmen put two irons in the whale but they both came out again and the whale went to windward and we went on board the ship again.

25th Sun. Fine clear day with a good breeze. Raised right whale shortly after sunrise and the Capt. said that he was going to show the boatmen that a right whale could be taken, so he took Mr. Bease to steer him and had Mr. Maister take Mr. Bently to steer him. But his exploits were like the Skins who march his men up the hill and then marched them down again for they went down and frightened the whales twice in the course of the day and then came on board again. So much for the bombastic display. We are in lat. about 31° and long. 125° east.

26th Mon. Strong double reefed topsail breeze all day. 7 A.M. raised right whales and lowered for them but they were very wild and we could not get near them.

27th Tues. The wind has increased since yesterday and it has rained since ten in the morning. The weather has been bad for the last two weeks either blowing hard or foggy nearly the whole time. If our seasons work ends as it has commenced we shall indeed be unfortunate.

28th Wed. Strong topgallant breeze from the N.W. 4 P.M. raised land bearing E.N.E. from us. It is some twenty five or thirty miles distant apparently consists of two small islands or large rocks we do not know their names for the Capt. does not know where we are.

29th Sat. Breeze with a strong breeze from the N.W. 1 P.M. raised Quaker island right ahead and we passed to the east of it. It is mountainous and presented a very distinct appearance but I could not perceive any trees ^{small ones} and some trees and a few

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Journal Continued by C. F. Perkins

March 31st Continued from the preceding page. The indications are
" characteristic but we did not see any of them.

April 1st

" Sun. Fine warm day. We raised the S. E. point of Korea
" about 7 A.M. and were in sight all day. We are in the straits
" between Korea to the south and with a fair wind they are well
" intelligible in the narrowest part.

" 2nd. Mon. We passed through the narrows about 9 P.M. last night
" It has been foggy and raining all day. We lowered for
" Steam back down after dinner but did not get near
" enough to fasten. At four P.M. we lowered again and
" Mr. Winter went along side of us and shot two birds in
" him and killed him and we took him along side & flaked
" him and then stood along on the wind to the N.

" 3rd. Tues. Wind blowing a gale to day from the N.
" The black chain parted this morning about one
" o'clock and the whale drifted off nearly quarter of
" a mile from the ship but we got hold of him and
" got him along side again. Hauled all hands at 5 A.M.
" and tried to get our whale in but the ship
" pitched and rolled about so much that we could
" not do it. Four o'clock P.M. called all hands, the
" wind having moderated some and commenced cutting
" in again and succeeded in saving about half and
" let the rest go.

" 4th. Wednes. Fine clear day but rather cold. Hauled
" out our blubber today and it yielded between eight
" and nine barrels of oil. Fine S. E. wind S. N. E.

" 5th. Fri. Weather is pleasant but cool. The thermometer
" ranges about 50° above C. Found a small rich island yesterday
" about 10 miles S. E. It is about 38 north lat.

1855. Ship E. A. Mason. N. M. Fanning Master.
April 7th

7th. Sat. Very pleasant with a light breeze from the S.
" Five sail in sight on our weather beam. Two o'clock P.M.
" saw a right whale and lowered for him but did not
" get near him.

8th. Sun. Fine pleasant day with a good breeze from the S.W. by S.
" We are steering east for the Japan coast. N. A. M. in sight a right whale
" and lowered for him but did not get near him. 7 P.M. spoke
" the ships Caroline of N.B. nothing this season, Scamblen of N.A.
" ditto, B^m Badger of Lynn ditto, George & Mary of N.S. four
" whales this season; also departed the Gid^m Howland of N.B.
" with one whale.

9th. Mon. Light breeze and a clear fine day. Lowered for right-
" whales at 10 o'clock A.M. and Mr. Bently had the good fortune to
" get fast to one and we killed it took it along side the ship
" and cut it in. Spoke the Gid^m Howland with two whales and
" saw the Caroline get on.

11th. Wednes. Good topgallant breeze from the northward. Boiling our
" whale. Saw the Gid^m Howland & Caroline at a distance.

12th. Thurs. Strong breeze from the N. still occupied boiling our
" whale. 6 o'clock P.M. raised a dead whale about three miles off
" on our weather beam. We made two short tacks before 7 o'clock and
" then lowered a boat and tried to find but after an hour
" fruitless search they returned on board again. The wind increased
" and we double reefed the top sails.

13th. Fri. Pleasant day but saw no whales.

14th. Sat. Fine clear day with a good breeze. Saw the Caroline
" take a Blunback whale. Saw some right whales in the afternoon
" and chased them but did not get near them.

15th. Sun. Several ships were chasing whales today but all the whales
" we saw were to the windward of us.

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Journal Continued by L. F. Perkins.

Mon. Strong breeze the latter part of the day. For
about P.M. we "loured" for whales and Mr. Bently struck
one but the whale broke a nail in the boat so that
it filled with water and he had to let the whale go
with the line. He started him till nearly dark when
we lost sight of him and had to let him go. 7 P.M.
shape ship. Heeling side of Fair Haven with one whale
along side.

17th

Tues. Strong rain storm all day accompanied with
strong wind from the S. S. W. and S. W.

18th

Wednes. Weather is heavy. For P.M. loured for a right whale
and Mr. Pease struck him but the whale went after we
had killed him.

19th

Thurs. Pleasant with a very light breeze but foggy.
About 5 P.M. we loured for whales and Mr. Bently
struck one but he was very ugly and before we could
kill him it became too dark to see to work around him
and one of the irons were cut and the other one got loose
and he went off and we lost him.

20th

Fri. Foggy and rain all day. No chance to make
any success.

21st

Sat. Light breeze. Chased whales again today. Saw the
Caroline sailing. She was coming in. Lat. 37-40 to
38-45 north and long 131-30 to 132-15 west

22nd

Sun. Strong breeze in the morning. 1 P.M. loured for
whales and chased the same without success. 11 A.M.
loured again and the weather was so bad that I struck
him and he was killed him with a bomb lance but
he was so big that it had to be cut to let him go
but we got him and let him go along side of
the ship. He was so big that it was a pity to let him go.

Apr. 24th

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1855. on board ship E. B. Mason. N. M. Serreyan. Master.

Apr. 24th. Tues. Calmed all hands and commenced cutting at 5 A.M. &
finished cutting at 9 o'clock A.M. lowered once today for
whales but did not get near them.

25th. Wednes. Strong breeze. 1 A.M. lowered for whales but
did not get near them. 11 A.M. lowered again and
Mr. Munter went on to one and fastened to him. At
10 took our line and we lost him.

26th. Thurs. Good breeze from the southward. Chased whales
nearly all day. Saw two ships one of them a frigate
and the other a merchantman and an armed brig showing
Russian colors. They were steering east which course would
carry them to the straits of Matamoras one of the outlets
of the Laparsea passing between the islands of Niphan & Jesso.

27th. Fri. Pleasant day with a light breeze. Whales in sight
all day. Mr. Pease went along side of one but his boat-
steerer missed him. We are bailing our whale out that
we took Monday.

28th. Sat. Nearly calm today. Lowered for whales about ~~ten~~
eight A.M. and Mr. Munter went on to one and I struck him
and Mr. Munter killed him with his first throw.
Mr. Bently fastened to him and the whale turned towards
his boat and put his whole head on top of the boat
and rolled it over and then let it. He got him down side
about 11 A.M. and commenced cutting. It was a small whale
not more than a year or two old. Finished bailing the other
whale. He made about 93 barrels of oil.

29th. Sun. Wind blowing half a gale all day. commenced
stowing down oil today.

May 1st 1855.

May 1st. Tues. Fine clear day. Finished stowing down oil
having put one hundred & eight three lbs. more in the
chased whale all the forenoon. 1 P.M. spoke ship Furber
N.B. with two hundred & seventy five barrels of oil one right whale.

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Journal Continued by Captain C. B. Perkins

- Mar 3rd . Thurs. Rain, and squally all day with a thick fog,
" stopped boiling in the morning on account of the rain
" but commenced again at 4 P.M.
- " 6th . Sun. Fine pleasant day with a good breeze.
" raised whales nearly all day. 5 P.M. spoke bark Tharvest
" & hauled with two whales.
- " 11th . Thurs. Fine day but no whales to be seen spoke
" the ship Rambler of N.B. with one whale.
- " 12th . Sat. Raised whales about 4 P.M. and lowered for
" them and Capt. Thompson on shore at 1 P.M. He
" then in afternoon 5 P.M. and was in 7 P.M. spoke
" the ship Rambler of N.B. with one whale.
- " 13th . Sun. Fine day with a good breeze, no P.M.
" lowered for whales and Capt. Thompson struck one
" and killed him. Then hauled along shore and set him
" up.
- " 14th . Mon. We are waiting for whales, but no sign
" from the south of 4 P.M. covered snow is on the ice yet
" near shore.
- " 15th . Thurs. Finished boiling today our two whales made
" one of them 130 bbls. and the other 60 bbls. 12 M.
" raised a right whale and lowered for him Mr. Pearce
" struck one and we killed it took it along side
" and cut it up.
- " 16th . Sat. We were occupied in drawing down oil
" yesterday and today. There not seen any whales for
" the day. Commenced boiling again at 5 P.M.

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May

Ship: E. F. Mason N. M. Corrigan. Master

" 26th Sat. Strong breeze from the S. accompanied with rain
" and fog. Spoke the St. George of N.B. with five whales this
" season, yesterday. Mr. Pease struck a whale yesterday and let
" him run away. He chased about 6 hours and then the Capt.
" signaled him to cut under he did. There was a very light
" breeze and the sea was smooth as a millpond and there
" was nothing to prevent his hauling on the whale if he
" had tried. Why he did not try is best known to himself.

" 29th Tues. Fine pleasant day with a light breeze. Spoke
" the Omega of Nam. with three whales this

" 31st Thurs. Foggy nearly day Spoke the Adeline Gibbs of
" N.B. with two whales this season.

May

June 1855

June 3rd Sun. Wind blowing half a gale of wind today
" accompanied with fog and rain. Have not seen
" right whale for a week

" 4th Mon. Light breeze from the S. Got out at 11 A.M. raised a land
" right whale on our weather beam. We beat up to it and
" took it alongside about 12 M. and cut it in after dinner
" it had two ribs a line and drag past to it and was
" to be a whale struck by the Arctic of E. F.

" 9th Sat. Weather is thick with a strong breeze from
" the S. Spoke the Adeline Gibbs of N.B. and
" and saw the Whapmuck of S. L. mouth with six

" 10th Sun. Mild and beautiful day. Raised land at 8 A.M.
" It raised right whales. Saw several far from but did not
" strike. The land in sight is the east coast of Asia. That part
" part situated N. W. of China and is inhabited by Tartars.

1855 Ship. L. H. Maren. N. M. Fernigan. Master

June 18th Mon. Strong breeze from the E. B. M. at 10. Saw
Manuel Carter of N. B. with three whales.

21th Wednes. Good breeze from the S. W. clearing N. E. by E.
Saw a french ship Gen. Peirce cutting a whale and saw
the right b. 's and gave chase but did not get near
them.

22nd Sun. The weather has been foggy and calm a great portion
of the time for the last four days. We are trying to get
the N. B. part of the sea in hopes of finding whales
there. We are now in about 43 north latitude.

23rd Mon. Calm and foggy nearly all day. Land in sight
about twenty miles off. James Clark who was appointed boatster
when we left Valparaiso in place of Blackburn who deserted
) had some words with the Capt. today and gave up his berth
a boatster and went forward. The difficulty was this.
His (Clark's) berth in the steerage was so situated ~~in the~~
that he could not conveniently have his lamp inside of
it and those who have occupied before as well as himself
have placed their lamps in the next berth which is used
by the steerage boy and there has been no complaint made
nor has there been any reason for any but Mr. Clark told
the Capt. this morning that the lamp smother was black in
the boys bedclothes and that Clark left the lamp there
because the boy could not help himself upon which the Capt.
ordered the boy to take lamp down and then told Clark not
to put the lamp there again which naturally made Clark
and he very foolishly took his thing and went forward.
Capt. Fernigan was undoubtedly too hasty for he ought to
have inquired into the matter and if he had found any
cause for complaint he should then have gone to Clark and
told him his reasons in a straightforward manly manner
instead of which he only saw one side of the matter and that under
false colors and he showed a great deal of unnecessary and
unnecessary for passing.

1855 Journal continued by C. F. Jenkins

June

" 27th. Breeze. Strong breeze from S. S. W. blowing N. N. E.
" spoke ship Muridamus of Mystic fire whales this
" season. Saw one of the Japan islands on our starboard
" beam.

" 28th. Breeze. Breeze calm all day, and nothing in sight.
" Our latitude is about 45°-30' and long. about
" 141° east.

" 29th. Lat. Strong breeze from the east. Saw two
" small islands belonging to the Japan group and
" one called Sachalin. We are trying to get into
" Porcuse straits which pass between Sachalin &
" Kesso and connect the Japan sea with the Okhotsk.

July 1855

July

1st. Sun Passed through the straits this morning within
" two miles of Sachalin island. It is hill, and the
" the highland is all covered with wood. The clear land
" is green and looks very fertile. It is a large island
" and has belonged to the Chinese empire until within
" some three or four years ago when it was taken
" possession of by the Russians. Saw two french
" frigates immediately after we passed the narrows
" and one of them fired a gun for us to come down
" to him (we were not near him) we ran down to him
" and saw the smoke and they sent a boat on board
" to inquire if we were any french ships.
" We also wished to know if we had seen any russian
" ships. They were not able to tell us anything in their
" manner. We did not see any russian ships or
" frigates. They were not in any of the squadrons
" in the Japan sea but we did not speak in regard to
" their names and positions.

1855. Ship, C. H. Mason. N. M. Vernean Master.
Daily

" 2nd. Mon. Steerin. Shift with the wind from the S. S. S.

" 3rd.

" Tues. Strong breeze from the S. S. S. Steerin. S. S.

" 4th. Wed. raised a right whale and gave chase but
did not succeed in shooting.

" 5th. Thurs. Fine day but cold so much so that I find
it very uncomfortable at the masthead without
mittens. He celebrated the day by eating fresh
pork for dinner and are perhaps as well off now
as we should have been at home after partaking
of the same. Day is bright for the occasion
12th altered its course to S. S.

" 6th. Thurs. Foggy all the forenoon but cleared away
after dinner. Strong breeze from the S. until 10 P.M.
when it shifted to the S. S. William J. Vincent
of Marthas Vineyard ~~and~~ nephew to Capt. Vernean
was appointed boatswain today.

" 7th. Sat. Raised land about 1 P.M. and it continued
within 6 or 7 miles from the shore. The land is the
north end of Sachalin island. He lowered down three
boats after breakfast, took some bread & pork and started
in shore with the intention of cruising along shore all
day for whales. The land is mostly covered with
and where there is no wood the ground has a thick carpet
grass. It is quite hilly but none of them lofty enough
rank as mountains. There are but very few inhabitants
the island and these are Russians. Siberians. The
about twenty miles along the shore when discovered a ship
dismasted and a gunnel were hauled far her and on
reaching her found that it was the whale ship Jefferson
of N. L. same ship had apparently been there since she was
wrecked for everything of value that could be got at was out of
her and all hands were dead. She was wrecked about the same time

1855 Journal continued by C. F. Perkins.

9th Mon. Weather is thick and hazy all day. Saw one of the Santa islands and encountered some drift ice. We are in lat. 56 north on the west side of the Bering Sea.

10th Tues. Clear weather most of the day. Main land in sight. Saw one barbed wire fence, going too fast to lower for him. Spoke bark Bayard of Greenport from the Arctic with one whale. Rebecca Sims of N.B. with two whales and one of N.B. with none. Sun rises at four A.M. and sets at nine P.M.

11th Wed. Clear day with a good breeze from the N. Spoke ships Maria Theresa of N.B. with 2 whales, Lancaster of N.B. with 2 whales and the American of S. part with one whale. The American was in Maui last April and took ~~there~~ what letters there were in the post office at that time for this ship and brought them up here and among them there were two for me, one from Julia and one from Corvillo and I am certain that I have not felt so happy for a long time as I did when I learned by them that my nearest and dearest friends were all well at the time they were written. It was more than I had dared to expect and really felt happiness for once since we sailed.

12th Thurs. Canoe at anchor this morning at five o'clock about five miles from the mainland. There are several ships lying at anchor here. After breakfast we went in to ~~the~~ the shore with the boats to look for seals and saw two or three small ones but did not get near.

13th Fri. Weather is that in some respects and in some respects it is very different. The weather is very different from what we have seen in the Bering Sea.

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Journal continued by C. F. Perkins

July

25th

Thick fog all day. Sailed out west off
in search of whales and sailed away but could
not get near enough to strike.

26th

Thick fog today. The boats struck a whale
and are killed it and anchored it.

29th

Let the boat out early in the morning and are found
a mile and out from the harbor. Both of
the boats are a mile the other day and both
boats captured and are now drawn up and another
boatly boat.

Aug. 18th

Aug. 2nd

Tri. We have been in Shanta Bay over a week
and have not taken one barrel whale. They are
shaved so much that they are very wild. There are
about fifty ships here and the bay is not more
than fifty miles in circumference and they are
shaved night and day. The weather is very
unpleasant here. It has been foggy every day
that we have been here and we have been in
the boats from 10 to 12 hours every day but
the fact that we have been here and have never
suffered as much discomfort as they do. The sun
length of time since I have been in the sea
he came on board at 10 o'clock P.M. and got under
sight for the night. He said the boats saying
that he had not enough of the whale and I am
certain that he was wrong. Shanta Bay is situated
on the S. coast of Alaska. It is 55 miles long and
as far as we know it is a bay and not a strait.
and around it are mostly grass and pine but
there are some birches and alders and the
land is very good and the opportunity of examining
the land is very good. The land is very good and
the land is very good and the land is very good.

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August. Journal continued by J. F. Perkins
.. 20th. Sun. Good breeze from the N. Steering S.
.. Lat 55°-18 Long. 152. East

.. 21st. Mon. Blowing half a gale of wind from the N.
.. He steered south with both gallant sail out until
.. eight A.M. when we spoke the Lancaster of N.B.
.. who was here too under a close reefed mainmast sail
.. and was making bad weather of it at that.
.. The Capt. of her said that he saw a number
.. of right whales the day before. He hoisted under
.. a double reefed mainmast sail for the remainder of
.. the day and night

.. 22nd. Tues. Breeze weather all day. He saw several
.. right whales and chased them but did not get
.. within striking distance of any

.. 23rd. Wednes. Clear with a light breeze from the
.. north. Saw six or seven right whales but
.. could not get near them. Spoke the ship
.. Concord of N.B. with 9 Mr. Lys. & all his season

.. 24th. Thurs. Rained all day and the wind blew
.. half a gale from the N. E.

.. 25th. Fri. Clear and a good breeze from the north.
.. The west coast of Kamtehatka is in sight.
.. Saw a large number of Chubs and lowered
.. for them but did not get close to any.
.. Spoke the ship Concord of N.B. with 9 Mr. Lys.

.. 27th. Sun. Fine day with a good breeze. He saw several right
.. whales and lowered for them. The P. O. went on to
.. one but his boat did not get the second line
.. in him and then was not fast to the line
.. so the whale went off with it.

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August. Ship A. H. Mason. S. M. Ferguson Master.

"28th. Mon. 8 o'clock A.M. raised two right whales and chased
" them but did not succeed in striking. We saw a dead
" whale about three miles to windward of the ship and
" pulled up to him and towed him to the ship as
" there was not wind enough to beat the ship up to
" him. Saw right whales again and they were quite still
" and showed the best chance for striking of any that
" we have seen in this sea but the Capt. would not
" lower for them (although they were within sight of
" ship) for about three hours and they had got into
" the oily water made by the dead whale and started
" off. We then lowered in the starboard and port
" boats and pulled about nine or ten miles after
" them but did not get within striking distance of the

"6th. Tues. Finished sailing our whale today. We made
" about 44 bbls. of oil. We close to the S.W. corner of Hansett's
" Have not seen any whales for two days.

"8th. Thurs. Saw a number of whales today and chased them
" all day but they were so wild that we could not get
" near them. We have not had a clear sunny day for
" a month and I begin to think that there never are
" any such in this sea. The land is in sight every day
" when it is clear.

Sept. 1855.

Sept. 1st. Sat. Fine day with a light wind from the S. Saw some
" right whales today and a good deal of oil was made.

"2nd. Sun. Fine day with a light wind from the S.
" Saw a number of whales and chased them
" nearly all day but did not succeed in striking.

"4th. Tues. Strong double reefed topsail breeze from the S.W.
" 12 M. lowered for a right whale. Our Master went on to him
" and fastened to him but he took over line in about

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Sept.

4th

Journal continued by J. Perkins

Ten minutes. Mr. Pease fastened afterward but his line was foul and he had to cut from him. We chased him until night and then returned to the ship completely water-soaked.

7th

Fri. The wind has been blowing a gale the last two days.

8th

Sat. Calm all the forenoon 6 o'clock A.M. lowered for a whale in our weather beam about a mile and a half off before we got to him he was dead. Some body had darted an iron and a lance into him. We towed him to the ship and cut him in.

11th

Mon. Strong breeze and heavy S.W. 3 P.M. lowered for night whales and Mr. Martin went on to one and I struck him. He did not run and but acted rather bad for a boat to work around. Mr. Pease struck him and Mr. Smith got fast shortly after but the whale came up close to his boat and laid his whole head over the gunwale of the boat and upset it and fractured one man's leg. We were obliged to cut and pick up that boat's crew and take them aboard the ship. We left Mr. Pease fast to the whale but the ship was too far away to cut him. We went on and on and on and there being a thick fog and no light we did not find him.

12th

Tues. Fine strong breeze. Chased whales all the forenoon. 3 P.M. spoke the Craymber of A.B. M.T. 11th at an hour's distance.

13th

Sat. Fine day with a cool breeze. Slowed down oil today. Our best whale made about 130 lbs. Saw several night whales today and Mr. Morgan got fast to one but the iron drew out and they could not cut him again.

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Ship S. H. Mason N. M. Henniger Master.
" 18th Tues. Strong breeze from the S.W. 12 M. raised a
" dead whale to the windward of us. We beat it
" him and took him alongside and it proved to be
" the last whale that we struck with our boat. It
" had died of its wounds. We cut it in before dark
" and spoke the Orizimbo & Franklin of N.B. the latter
" with 900 bbls this season.

" 19th Wednes. Fine day but saw no right whales. Spoke the
" Orizimbo and took an Englishman by the name of Stand
" from her who is going to work his passage to the
" islands. He shipped on the C. to be discharged at the S.B.
" and the C. is not going there.

" 20th Thurs. Saw a large number of right whales and chased
" them all day but did not get fast to any. Spoke the
" bark Vernon of N.B. with 500 bbls this season and Capt. S.
" bought five bbls. of potatoes at five dollars a bbl. from
" her Capt.

" 21st Fri. The wind is blowing a gale from the E.S.E.
" today accompanied with rain. Have finished boiling
" our last whale. It made about fifty barrels.

" 22nd Sun. Fine day and a good breeze 7 A.M. lowered 8
" whales and Mr. Hunter went on to one whale and fastened
" to him. He killed it and got it alongside about
" 12 M. and cut it in after dinner.

" 23rd Wednes. Monday & Tues. the wind was blowing a gale
" from the N.W. Started the hawks today. Spoke
" Orizimbo of N.B. with two whales since we saw her last.

" 24th Fri. Weather is very pleasant. Finished boiling today
" our whale made 150 bbls. Spoke the Mary of Edgartown
" with 1000 barrels of oil.

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Journal continued by G. R. Perkins

Sept.

1st

Sun. Fine clear day with a light breeze from the N. Spent night-whales all the afternoon without success. Spoke the George Washington of Warham with 350 barrels of oil also the Nimrod & Seannette of S. B.

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Wednes. Fine day but no whales to be seen. Spoke the Nimrod of N. B. with 2000 bbls. & the Seannette of S. B. with 500 bbls.

6th

Thurs. Strong breeze from the N. B. Spoke the Niger of N. B. 600 bbls. Spent night-whales and Mr. Hunter struck one but the iron drew and we lost him.

7th

Fri. Pleasant day. 7 A.M. raised a dead whale and cut it up. It was a whale that the Nimrod struck.

8th

Sat. Foggy all day. Finished loading our ship. It made fifty barrels. Spoke the Bark Iris of N. B. with 1000 bbls.

11th

Wednes. The wind has been blowing a gale all of this week. The weather is quite cool.

13th

Sat. Strong double breasted topsail breeze from the S. We are only waiting for a fair wind to start for port. The took in two boats this afternoon leaving out only the two quarter boats. We have not seen any right whales for two or three days.

15th

Mon. Fair wind from the N. B. Spoke the S. B. with 1000 bbls.

16th

Tues. Wind shifted to the S. B. in the night and are beating to windward to day. 12 M. Spoke the Metacomb of N. B. with 1000 bbls. Spoke the S. B. with 1000 bbls. Spoke the S. B. with 1000 bbls.

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29th. When we have had a smart gale from the E.S.E. and
 .. shipped some heavy seas doing some damage. Sat. night
 .. at 9 o'clock P.M. We lost our flying jib boom by its
 .. breaking short off at the wither and Sunday night
 .. our gangway board was stove ~~so~~ so that we did not
 .. attempt to save it and the Starboard boat was
 .. stove so that it will never be of any use to anchor
 .. with. The wind has moderated some but is ahead.

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Oct. 11th

Journal Continued by C. S. Perkins

" Tues. Strong breeze from the S.E. and heavy squalls and one of them carried away the main sail. I took m. star sail and split the mizen top sail.

" Wednes. The weather continues the same and the prospect for making a short passage to the S. I. is not too good.

November

" 1st. Sat. Weather is quite pleasant but the wind is unfavorable. We took the trade wind yesterday in lat. 31-25 north but they blow from the S.E. S.W. so that there is some danger of our getting to leeward of the Islands. Occupied on the rigging and preparing a new flying jibboom. Lat. 31-24. Long. 154-15 west.

" 2nd. Sun. All sailing ship today. The weather is much the same as the last two or three days but the wind has varied two points in our favor.

" 3rd. Wednes. Rained. Made one of the S. I. group about 2 o'clock A.M. and 4 do. Moon was plainly to be seen four points on our starboard. The crew to anchor about 1 P.M. and the Capt. went on shore shortly afterwards with his family. There are no letters in the office for me but I hope to find one or two at least in Honolulu. There are between thirty & forty ships and boats at anchor here all whalers and 4 or 5 schooners which belong to individuals on these islands and trade and freight all kinds of goods and produce from one island to another.

1855. Ship C. H. Mason N. M. Tierney an Master [77]

Nov. 11th. Sun. There is no ship here that can take our
oil home and the provisions that were sent to us
were carried to New Zealand in the ship has
got to go there for them. The Capt. came on board
this evening and called all hands aft and told them
that he would discharge all who did not wish to go
in the ship another season and requested all those
who did not wish to go with him to step out
by themselves and the men forward stopt not one
after another until there were but three left.
No one aft stopt out but I presume some of them
will leave. We have got to send down our spars next
week fore & aft and strip all of the rigging and
haul it.

" 15th. Sun. We have had a very hard week's work but have
got along very well with it. We have made a new foremast
and a new foremast yard and put them up and
have repaired all of the fore rigging and set it up
and are all ready to go to work on the mainmast
tomorrow. We have got to send up a new mainmast
the old one being badly sprung and rotten in some
places. Capt. Tierney has been to Honolulu the fore-
mast and returned a while and brought down Mr. and Mrs.
Orville, Lizzie and Mr. and I felt very much rejoiced to
hear of their good health for after learning from the
papers that there had been a great deal of sickness in
the ship's crew we were all very anxious to hear of them.
We had read their letters. Capt. Ward his wife came on
board today and the Capt. came to me and asked me
if certain reports that we had heard in regard to
Mr. Pease's conduct were true. I told him that
were and that he did not know but a small part
of his beastly conduct and ungrateful treatment of
himself and wife. He watched her in her room by his
own account to try and see her dressing and has made his
best that he has seen her in the present.

1855 Ship E. J. Mason. B. S. Larnegan Master.

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Prof.

" 1st. Sat. We were about six hours coming were a distance
of 90 miles Capt Larnegan and wife went on shore
this morning and took the steward with him who
is to be discharged here. He stood off and on all day
with the ship.

" 2nd. Sun. The Capt did not come on board last night
The trade winds are very strong so that we can only
double reefed topsails and courses.

" 3rd. Mon. We met with a severe accident this morning
about three o'clock. We were standing in shore on the
Starboard tack and were about ten or twelve miles from
the shore when we came in collision with the bark
Vernon of New Bedford. The bark was standing off
shore on the larboard tack and was in the shallow
so that we did not see her until too late to get clear
of her although we put our wheel up the moment
we saw her. Our ship struck her between her
main & mizen masts and carried them both away
with all their gear her mainmast fell on
our topgallant forecastle and carried away the
end of our fore topsail yard and broke the truss
pin of our fore yard. She lost the jib and jib's
boom with sails and gear and broke over stern &
lost the bulwarks on the starboard side from the
main to fore rigging and knocked our wheelhouse
over and lost the starboard part of it. Our
damage was nothing compared with the bark's
Our sails were all torn to pieces and we
had to send up new ones with the wind
blowing almost a gale in fact it was almost
equal to being shipwrecked as we shall be obliged
to go in to Honolulu to repair damages and can
not visit New Bedford.

Dec. 55. Journal continued to L. P. Perkins

" The boat came on board and in the
" and it was done in a few days and
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1856.

March 9th

" I have neglected writing up my journal for
" a long time, but think that I will commence
" it again. We completed our repairs and left
" Honolulu the last week in Jan. and went to
" Honolulu Bay, and got 100 lbs of Irish potatoes
" and then returned to Honolulu and staid there
" one day and left for Hilo where we procured about
" 15 lbs of sweet potatoes and some bags of rice and
" finally left the S.S. the 5th of Feb and steered
" direct for Guam. We saw sperm whales on the 13th
" and the weather struck and the waves were out
" and we lost him. We arrived at Guam on
" the 24th and took in our mail and water and
" and a most fortunate man in place of our
" one which was rotten and discharged an old
" man who had a bad felon on his arm and
" shipped another in his place and left there
" the 1st of March and we were within three
" days sail of the right whale fishing ground
" in the Caroline Sea.

1856 Ship C. F. Mason N. M. Irnegan Master [87]

March.

" 12th Wednes. Fine day with a moderate breeze from the N.E.
" We passed between two of the Loochoo islands that
" form the southeastern boundary of the Eastern Sea
" this afternoon and are now in that sea. The weather
" is considerable cooler than it was a week back

" 14th Fri. Pleasant with a moderate breeze. Passed
" the island of Kainai one of the Loochoo group
" it is a small hilly island and the valleys appear
" to be fertile. We were near enough to see
" two or three large villages. The inhabitants
" are of the Chinese race and speak that lan-
" guage and are not very friendly to whites
" They were formerly a nest of pirates but have
" not been known to be guilty of any piratical
" acts for five or six years ~~or~~ but are probably
" only deterred through fear of the British and
" American men of war vessels some of which are
" constantly cruising in this vicinity.

" 17th Mon. 14th It is blowing quite fresh today from the
" N.E. Spoke the ship St. George of N.B. on all this
" season

" 24th Mon. We passed Quelperto island today. It is one
" of the Japan group.

" 26th Wednes. Isuma island is in sight. It is also one of
" the Japan group. We boarded a fishing boat and
" exchanged some bread for fish. The natives resemble
" the Chinese in their features and dress and their
" language sounds like the Chinese language

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Journal continued by F. O. Perkins.

March

" 31st

Sunday. Raining and foggy all day. Spoke the ship George of N.B. no oil this season.

April

" 2nd

Wednes. Fine clear day with a good breeze from the S.W. spoke the bark Nat. S. Perkins of N.C. with one whale and saw her strike another. 10 A.M. raised whales and Mr. Bently struck one but the iron drew out and we lost him. Saw a fleet of some 12 or 14 Japanese Junk's apparently fishermen.

" 4th

Fri. spoke the ship Haverly of N.B. no oil this season. 2 P.M. raised whales and lowered for them but did not get near them. Our lat. is 38-15 N. and long. 132. east.

" 5th

Sat. The weather is very pleasant much warmer than last year at this time. Lowered for whales twice but did not succeed in getting on to any.

" 23rd

Wednes. We have cruised over a good part of the Japan-sea and have seen but very few whales and what we have seen were so wild that we could not get near them and we have seen nearly all the ships that are in here and they all give similar accounts. Capt. C. has therefore made up his mind to go to the Ochotsk-sea and we are now the straits of Matsmay are over. The island of Jesso is on our left and has the appearance of being mountainous and rugged and there is considerable snow on the sides and summits of the mountains. There are a number of small islands on both sides of us but I do not know their names. We have also seen about a dozen Junk's today all bound to the island of Jesso.

1856. Ship: C. H. Mason. S. M. Pennegar. Master
April

" 24th. Chura We joined ourselves in the straits this morning
with a head wind we beat all day until four P.M. when
the Capt. concluded to go into the harbor of Hakodadi and
stay till the wind came fair. This harbor is situated on
the S. E. point of Iesso or Matsuyama island and the city of
Hakodadi is situated on a narrow neck of land which ends
in a high bluff on the east side of the harbor. We found
two British frigates of war forty guns each and about
70 Sunkers. The frigates were sent in this part of the
world to capture the Russian Pacific fleet and take any of
their strongholds in the Province of Ootatka on the coast but
they have done nothing but land in two or three fishing
villages after the inhabitants had deserted them.

" 25th. Fri. The wind is still ahead. One watch he leave to go on
shore after breakfast. Capt. L. and his wife went and have
not been on shore more than ten minutes before there were
more than a thousand Japanese collected around them.
And we ascertained after some inquiring that she is the
first white woman that has visited this place. The city
is about a mile in length and ~~any~~ carries from a quarter
to three quarters of a mile breadth with three principal streets
running lengthwise through it. The houses are mostly of
wood and are with but few exceptions one story buildings.
It is densely populated and I think ten thousand is a low
estimate of the population of the city. The inhabitants
resemble the Chinese in their features and dress but
the women are not as great and both males females are
less reserved. But it is almost impossible to trade
with them although there is not much here that
one would wish to trade for still I should like
to purchase some little boxes for my sisters very
much and my dear little niece Annie and I am afraid
they will think that I do not care much about them
but they will judge me wrong if they do for I think of
them all the time. For it is the only consolation that I

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April, 25th. have not the strength of those dear friends who still
 have the words in. But to return to the Japanese
 I do not think they are as numerous as in the
 the picture, there is certainly one here that bears
 some resemblance with what I have seen in China, and they
 know that after a long and if we purchase
 anything, even a cent's worth of fruit we have to carry it
 to the custom house for them to be taxed. I visited
 one of their temples it is a two story building
 about 100 feet high, front by side, built of
 wood, the carvings being beautifully carved representing
 nearly all kinds of animals serpents dragons and
 human figures. The inside is ornamented the same only
 there is more and some of it is gilt and lacquered and
 has beautiful appearance. There are ~~two~~ are a great many
 idols exquisitely carved of wood and painted gilt
 some as large as life and some not more than five or
 six inches in length but they all preserve their
 proper proportions and some of the females were very
 beautiful and had an almost angelic expression in
 their countenances and some of the male figures
 I saw that I have seen in the Academy of Fine
 Arts in Phila.

" 26th.
 " Sat. The wind is still ahead. The Seaboard
 " catch were on shore today.

" 27th. I am in a storm from the 6. last
 " night and the wind is still ahead. The British
 " and American Bannocks are in here today
 " and tomorrow.

" 29th. Tues. Fair wind this morning and we got
 " under way and are now (I think) near the
 " Pacific Coast.

1856 Ship: E. H. Massey H. McConnery Master. [85]

May 6th. Mon. We have had a fair wind most of the time since leaving Hakodadi and considerable rain and fog and the weather is quite cold. We passed through De Vries' straits today and went within ^{eight} ~~two~~ small high islands on each of which there was a volcano, in an active state. We passed through the smoke which had a strong sulphurous smell. The islands were covered with snow with the exception of a circle of about a mile in diameter around the craters. Lat. 47.16. Long. 148.6.

7th. Tues. We have had a fair wind since we came through the straits until last night when a gale commenced from the west and we had the hardest blow last night that we have had this voyage. It was accompanied with considerable snow. The thermometer stood at 32° above 0.

8th. Wed. Wind has moderated some but we have had fog and snowsqualls all day. Spoke the Bark Francis Henrietta of N.B. no oil this season. Lat. 53 north and we freeze on deck in the middle of the day.

11th. Sun. Fine day with a strong breeze from the north. Came to a solid field of ice today stretching off to the north and west as far as the eye could reach. We saw two bowheads but they only showed themselves once apiece. Four ships are in sight all our forenoon. The thermometer stood at freezing at noon in the sun. Lat. 54.30

12th. Mon. Raised whales after dinner today and Mr. Bently fastened to one but his iron crew cut I came very near being drowned. By steering our bows and letting me overboard. The boat was right before the wind with a strong breeze and before the crew could stop her she was two or three ships lengths from me but I managed to float till they got to me.

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Mon.

18th

Went to sea in whaler this morning at 7 o'clock
and Mr. Bently fastened to me and we got
him and set him in. Spoke the India at N. L.
with 4 whales.

15th

Ton. We have struck five whales the past week
and made it and from two cut from one and one
took a line in the Levi Starbuck, Maria Theresa
of N. B. with nothing, the Adeline Gibbs of E. G. bailing and
the bark Stanley of Warren with one whale

19th

Mon. Strong breeze from the S. 7 A.M. lowered
sail and struck a whale but he went into
thick ice and we had to cut from him and
lost about 150 fathoms of line. 12 M. spoke
the Levi Starbuck of N. B. at 2 P.M. lowered and
struck another whale but drew from him. Spoke
the Alice Mandel of N. B. with one whale.

23rd

Fri. Have not seen any whales since Mon. Starbuck
saw our oil yesterday. There was 120 bls. seen the
day. Tucker of N. B. on Wednes. last. He is in company
with the L. Starbuck of Montreal of N. B. Strong
breeze from the S. E. and foggy part of the time
the weather is very cold yet. Our rigging is covered
with ice and it continues to freeze day and night.

1856 Ship E. H. Mason N. M. Serrin, an Master.

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17th

I have not written any since last May for
we have been in bays and coasting along shore
nearly all of ^{the} time since then and a large share
of the time has been spent in the boats. We went
into Va Vest bay about the the 1st of June. It is
a very large bay situated about middle way on the
north shore of Ochotsk sea. We staid there a month and
struck two whales and got one. We then went to Horse-
shoe bays on the N.W. corner of the sea and remained
there until the last of Aug. and took four whales
there. We then followed the coast down to the City of
San which is merely a settlement belonging to the
Russian American Fur Com. From there we went to
the north side of the Shetla islands and there
~~we~~ we had the good fortune to take two whales.
From there we went into Chantabay and remained there
until the latter part Sept. without taking any
whales. We went from there into Mercury bay where
we struck five whales saved three and had about
a dozen missed. The weather was very cold before
we left. Water froze all day for several days before we left.
We staid till all the other ships had left and it
was so rigged that we could not whale and the
morning of the 16th we weighed anchor and started
for the S.E. with eleven hundred barrels
of oil and sixteen thousand pounds of bone.

21st

Fries. We had a fair wind from the N.W. three days
which brought us within fifty miles of ~~the~~ the straits
called the fifty passage. The wind hailed to the S. and
E. on the night of the 19th and still blows from that
quarter accompanied with fog.

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" 24th.

" 24th Fri. Wind hauled this morning to the westward and we stood for the straits which we reached about 4 P.M. and at dark were nearly half way through. Four other ships were in sight passing through also.

" 26th.

" 26th. Sun. We have had light winds but fair since
" we came through the straits and weather has
" been mild for this latitude and season.
" There is a ship in sight to the south of us
" sailing in the same direction as ourselves.

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11. 3d.

" 3d. Mon. The wind moderated in the night and we put
 " to sail and we made a little sail and steamed on.
 " but the wind increased towards night and there
 " being a low heavy head sea, which made it difficult very
 " hard to catch the wind and to get it fresh, it was not so easy
 " to make the ship go as we wished.

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Nov.

6th Thurs. We have had a strong wind from the south and the winds were very all the week and have had close reefed topsails all the time since Sunday and three nights and two days have had only one of them out so that we have not been able to make much progress on our course although the ship has drifted the most of the time

8th Sat The weather has been quite pleasant yesterday and today with a few clouds a large portion of the time but light breeze S. by S. Wind, from westnorthwest to S. southwest by west
Lat. 40-30. - Long. 162. west.

9th Sun. Weather is very pleasant today with a fair knot breeze from the S. by E.
Lat. 38-30. - Long. 161. west.

11th Tues. Wind from the N. by E. last night and today with occasional squall of rain. All hands engaged washing ship today. Breeze S. by E. Lat. 32-48.

12th Wednes. Weather is pleasant and warm and the wind fair. Engaged in repairing the rigging. Breeze S. by E. Lat. 29-41.

14th Fri. We took the north-east trades yesterday morning and they have quite fresh most of the time since. Have been occupied with mending sails and rigging and getting the ship ready for port. Sent up the mizzen and the foremast today.
We were 120 miles from Maui at three P.M.

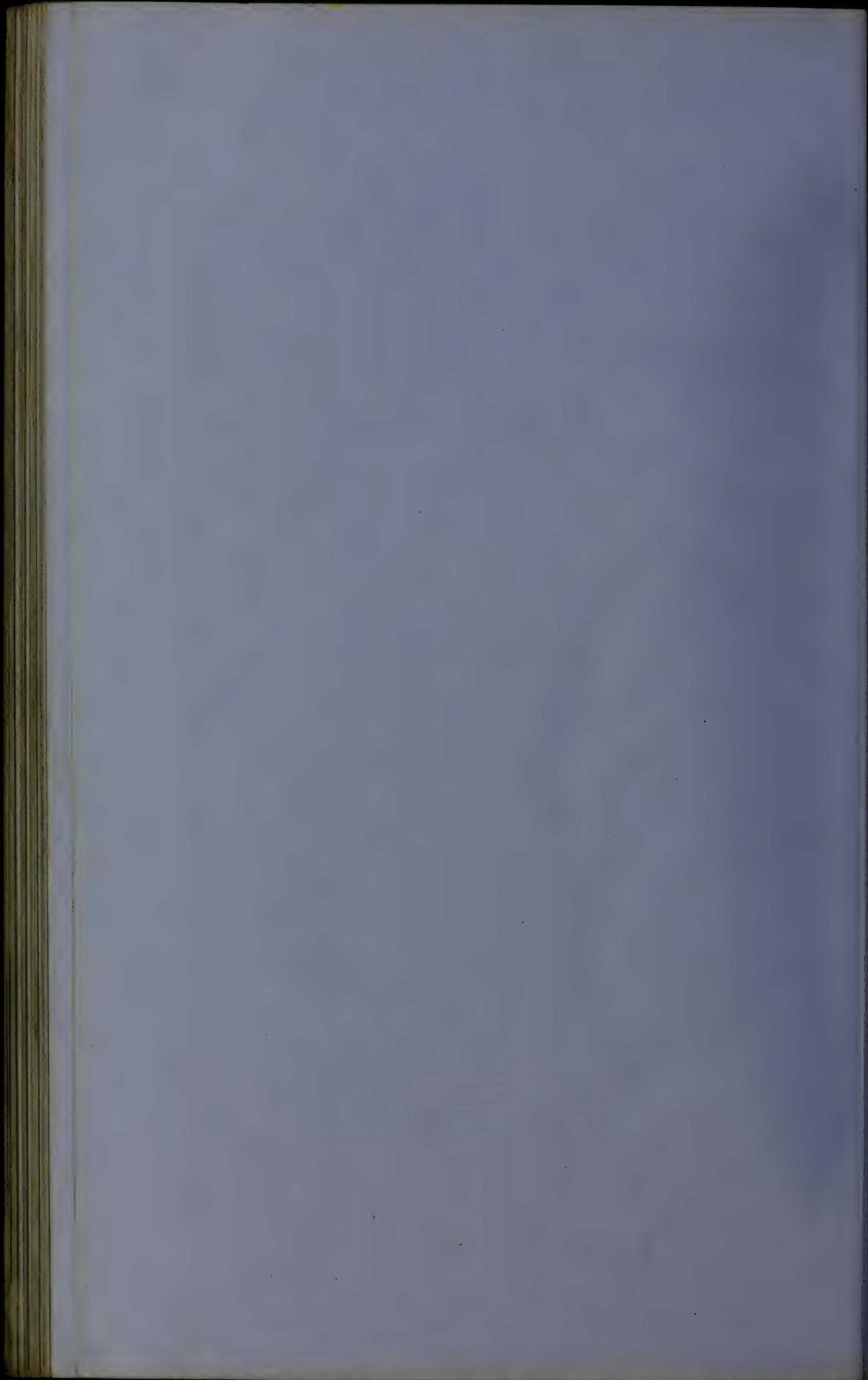
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- " 15th Sat. Raised land at 1 o'clock A.M. and
" at 8 A.M. we were in the roadstead off the
" town of Lahaina and Capt. S. and wife went
" on shore and staid till 5 P.M. when they
" returned and Capt. S. said he should
" anchor here and take oil aboard on freight
" and go home. There are no letters here
" for me but I am in hopes of getting
" some from Honolulu. Capt. S. and wife
" left at dark in a schooner for
" that place and expect to return in
" two or three days.
- " 18th Tues. Commenced taking aboard ~~on~~ this
" morning from the Cambria of N.B.
- " 23^d . Sun. We have been busy taking freight
" since Tues and have filled our lower hold
" We have got to take about 500 barrels more of
" oil here and then go to Honolulu to complete
" our cargo. Capt. S. returned Thurs and brought
" me letter for me from Joseph dated the
" middle of July last but it contained no
" particulars of the family only stating that they
" were doing as usual
- " 27th Thurs. We have taken 1190 barrels of oil
" from the Cambria of N.B. and 175 from
" the Sarah Swift of N.B. We took our
" anchor and made sail at 5 o'clock P.M.
" and steered for Honolulu.
- " 31st Sun. We came in to Honolulu Friday
" and are going to take oil and some from
" the California of N.B.





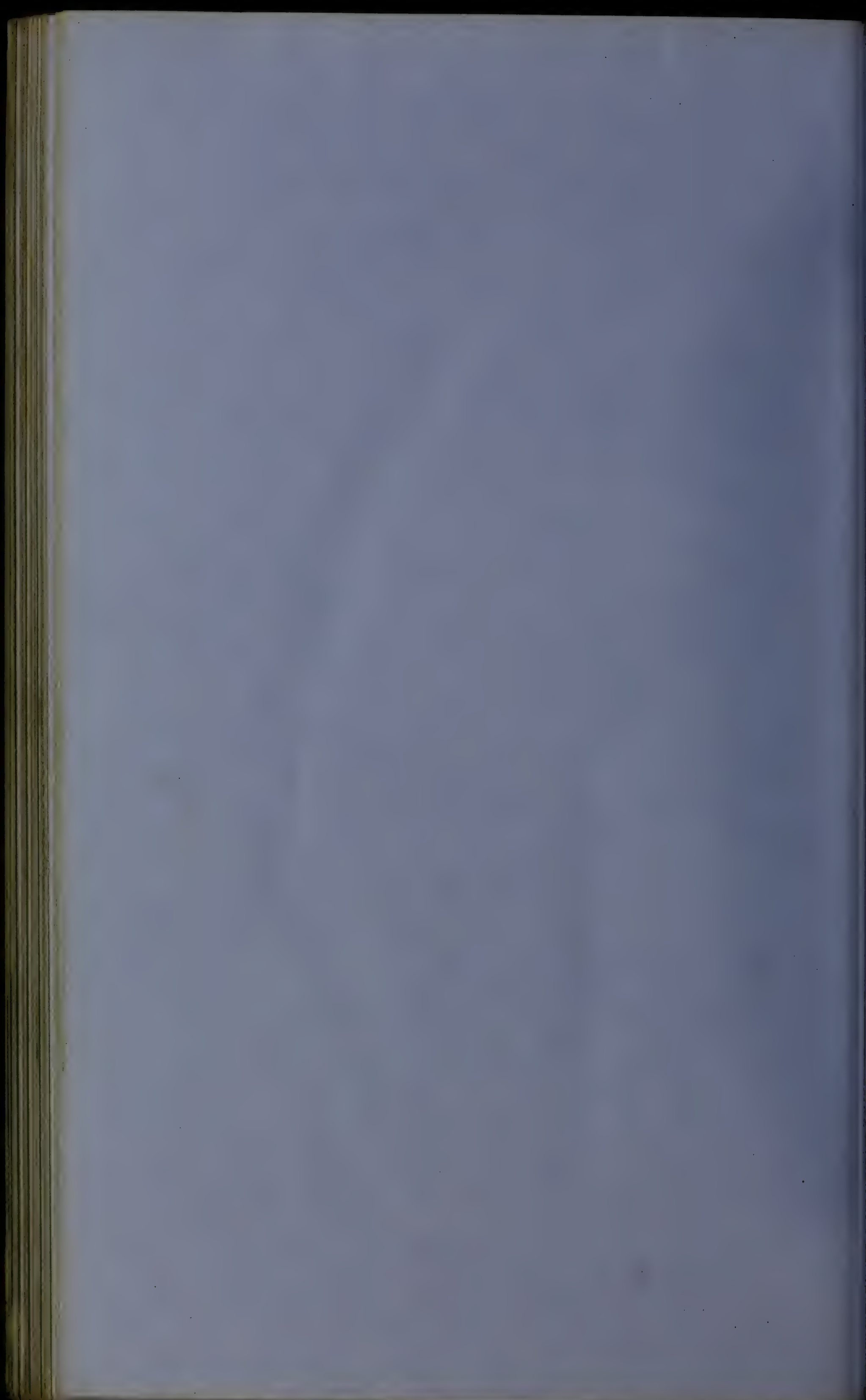




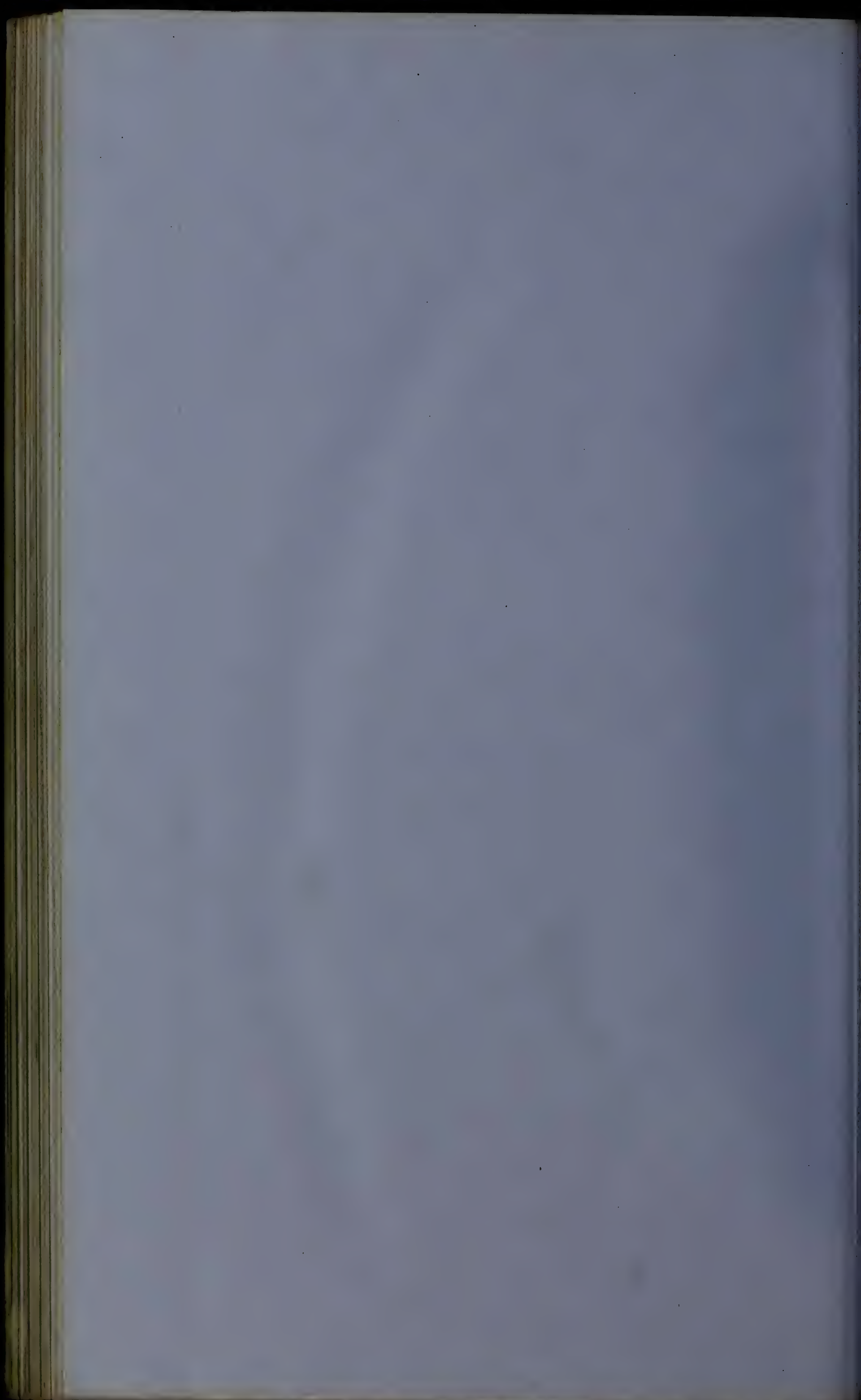


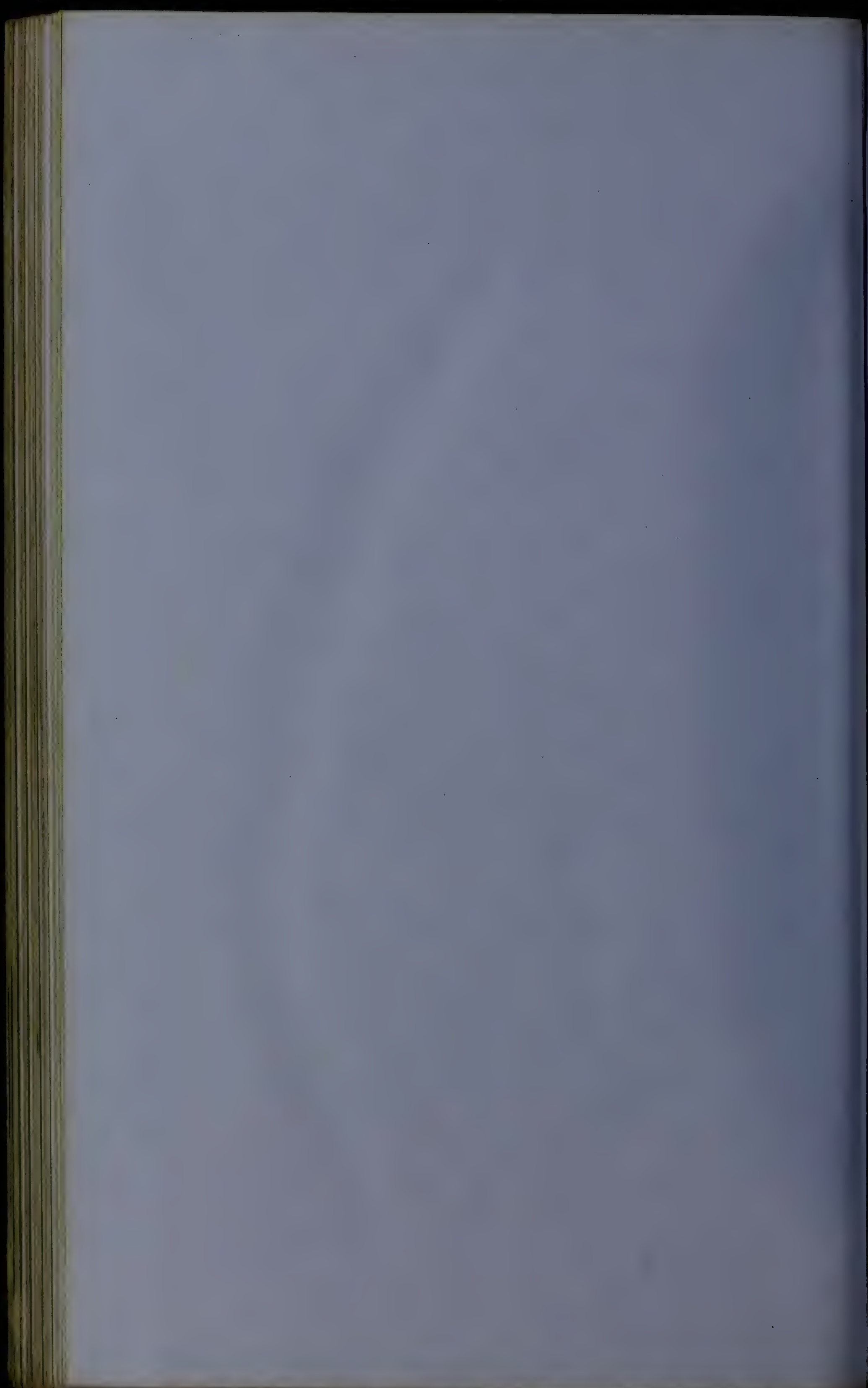


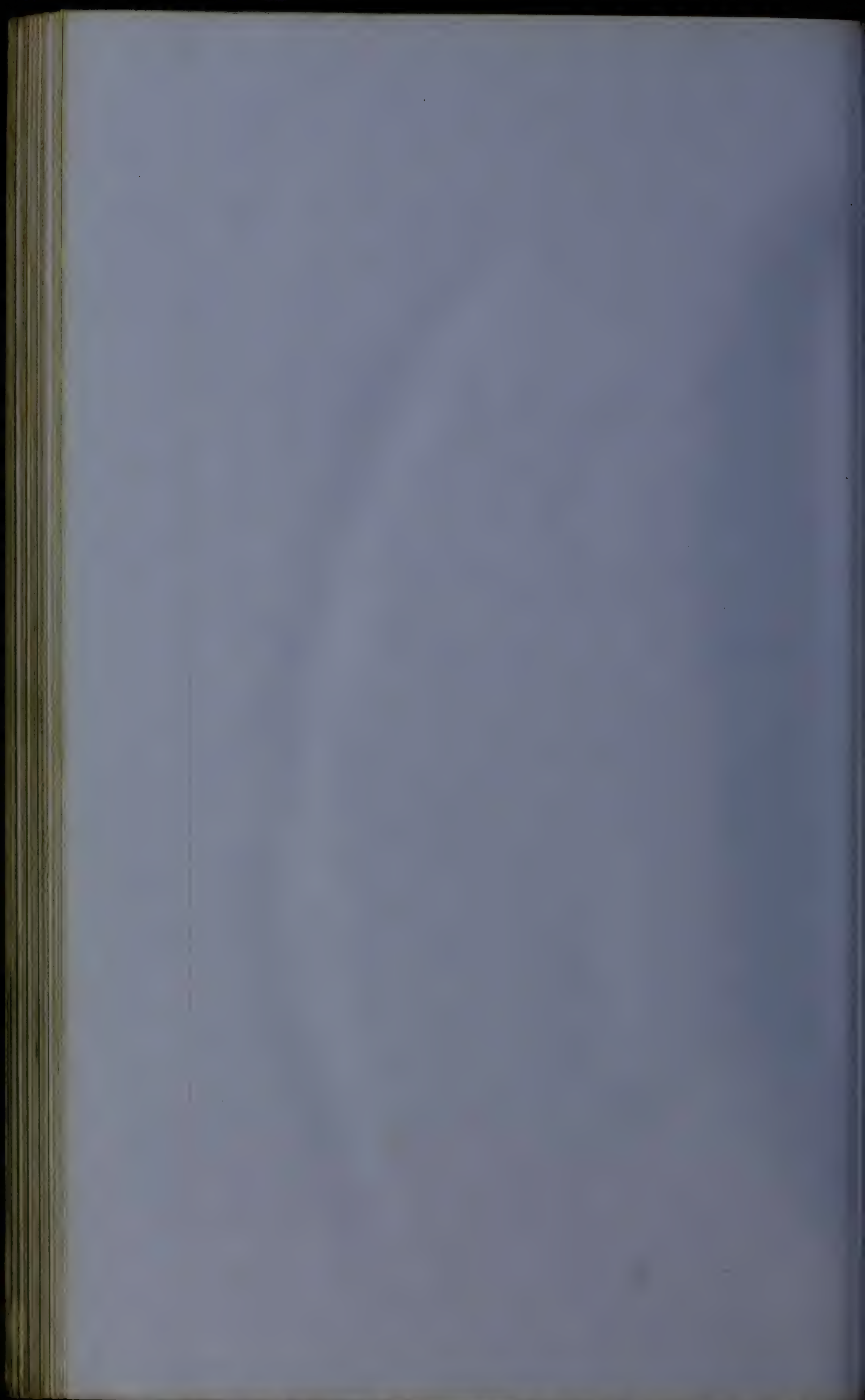




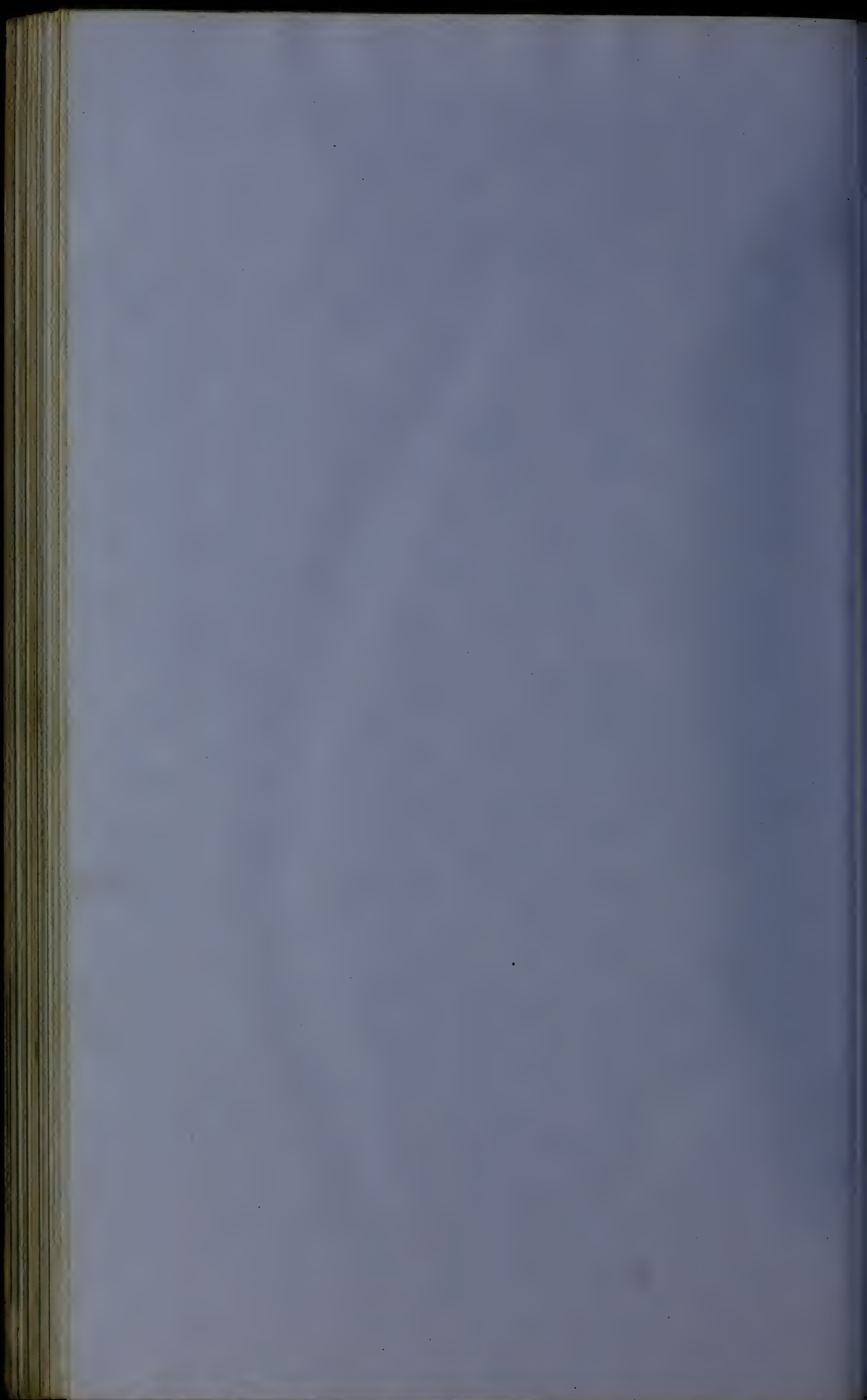




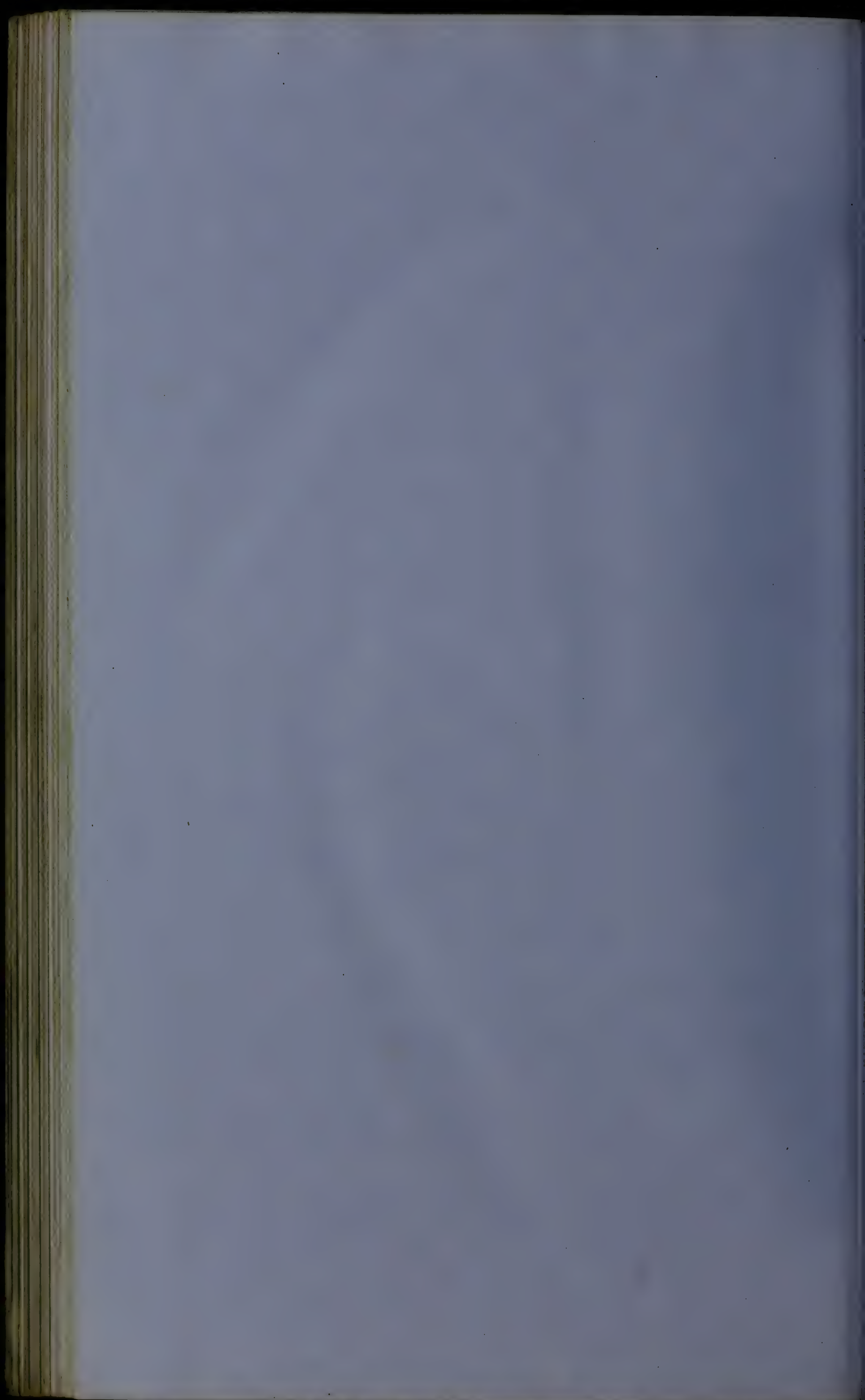






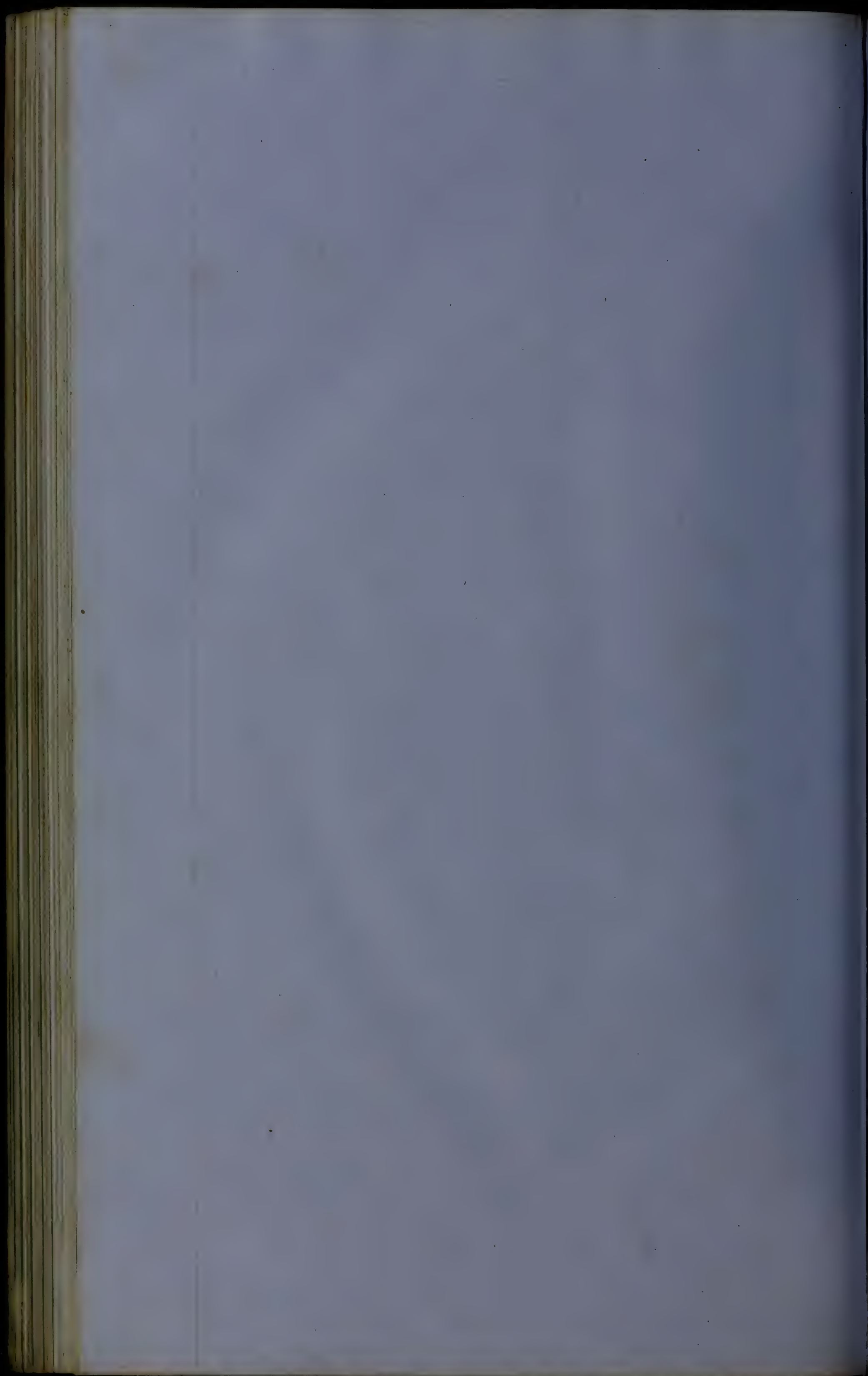






















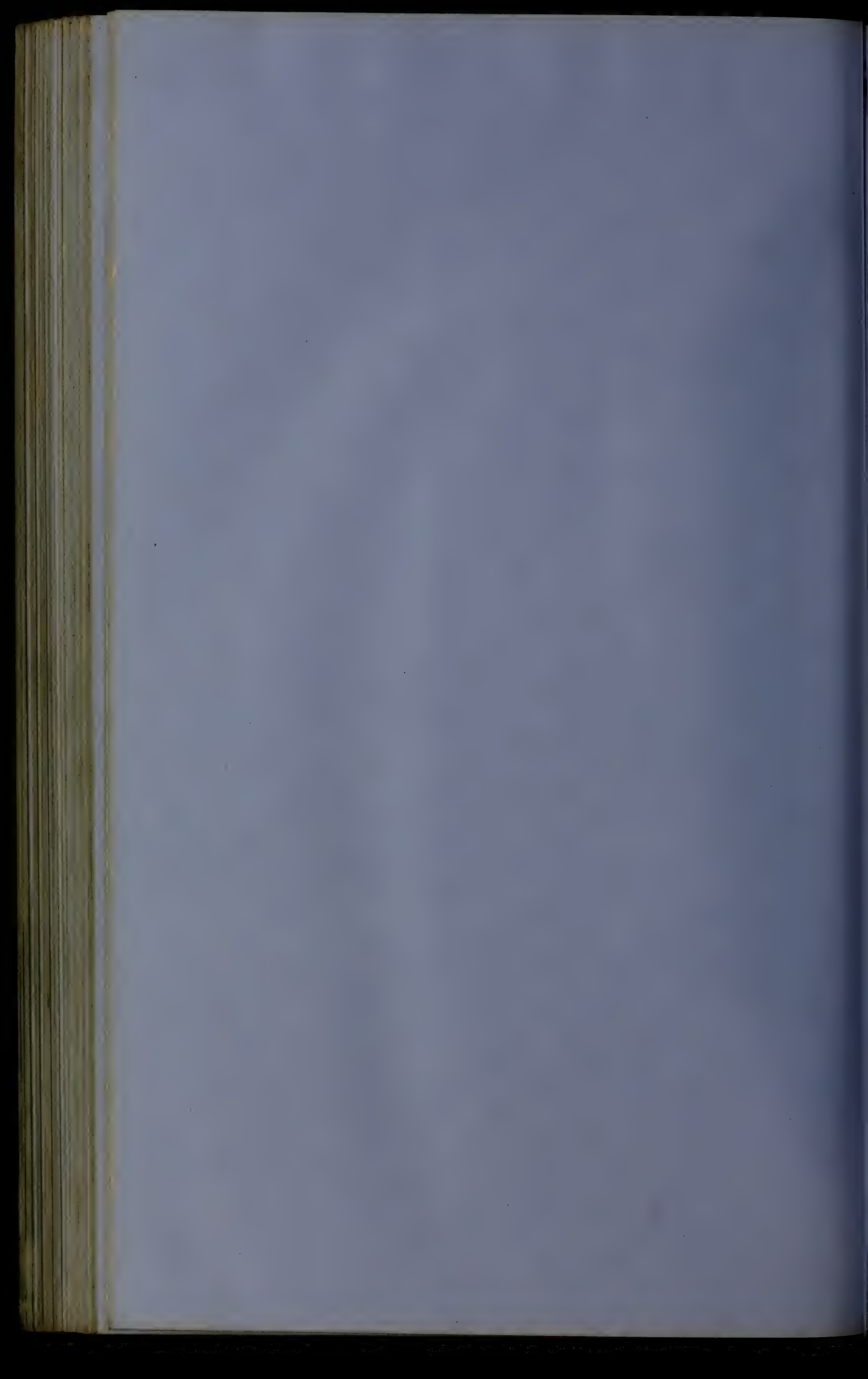


























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